

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open, and from whom nothing is hidden, we are gathered to honor you with offerings of praise and thanksgiving and to listen to your word for our lives. Lord, speak to us, and may our praise and thank offerings rise to you as a sweet savor. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

-UNISON OPENING PRAYER







## OPENING HYMN (GTG) #321

The Church's One Foundation





The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in their keeping, there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright and innocent from the great transgression.

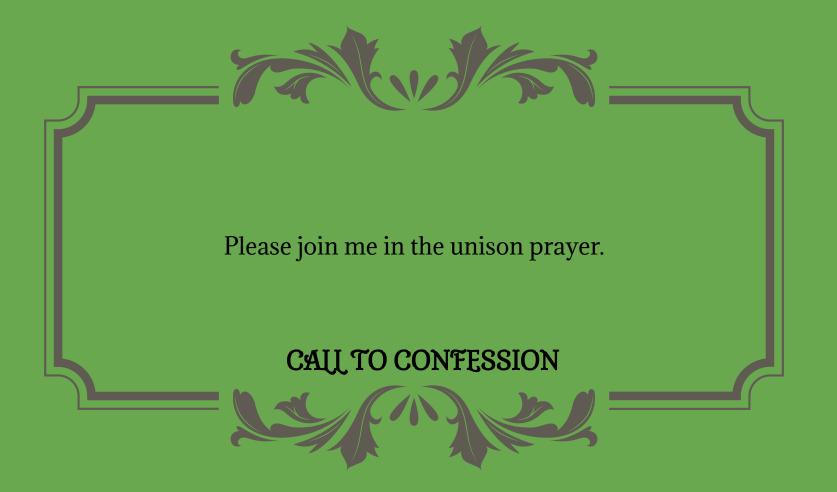
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (traditional version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# PASSING THE PEACE



Teach me your ways, O Lord; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you. Remember, O Lord, your kindness and constant love, which you have shown from long ago. Forgive my sins and deliver me from evil. In your constant love and goodness, remember me, Lord! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 

Receive the good news. When we confess our sin and earnestly repent, God hears and forgives us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 

# PRAYER FOR IUMINATION



As they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is a need for only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



# CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP





### CLOSING HYMN (GTG) # 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Brothers and sisters, let us leave this place determined to draw closer to God and serve the Lord with gladness, doing everything to God's glory without murmuring and complaining.

BENEDICTION

#### LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

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#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (GTG) # 599

Amen