

Praying

Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively) Black hymnal, 2278

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

Scripture Song "Here Am I" Black hymnal, 2178

The Christian Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible, 29

Anthem "Thank You, Lord, For Everything" – Dorn Younger Chancel Choir

Sermon "Living on the Right Hand of God" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Make Me a Servant" Black hymnal, 2176

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities

Offertory Sentence

We do not run hospices for the dying, soup kitchens, thrift shops, mobilize political opposition, provide sanctuary for immigrants and refugees, educate the public on environmental issues, run former inmate resettlement programs – all because we think it is our Christian duty. Rather, we recognize that this is the place where Jesus chooses to be present. We serve because in their faces we see the image of God. Liturgy, the work of the people, means singing and praying and reading and dancing and true service to God in others. This is true worship.

-Adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" Saxton

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication**

We give thanks, Lord Jesus, that through these gifts we have an opportunity to partners with you – in healing the sick, in feeding the poor, in

clothing the naked, in liberating the captives, in visiting the stranger, in teaching the illiterate, and in proclaiming the message of hope in a despairing world. Amen.

***Statement of Faith**

We believe in a light that smothers darkness. It tears through every shadow in our world, and leaves a clarity brighter than the sun, and we name that light: God!

We believe in a love that crushes hatred, and leaves a space for forgiveness, to rebuild, redesign, and re-create our world, and we name that love: God!

We believe in a truth that rips through injustice revealing a different vision for our world: of freedom, fairness, and future, and we name that truth: God!

We believe in a hope that rattles oppressors, shaping the intent of the Creator for a people destined for love, and we name that hope: God!

We believe in a time towards which all history travels, where all our lives will be held, and bound into eternity, and we name that time: God!

Going Forth

***Closing Song** *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"* Red hymnal, 581

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** *"Make Me a Servant"* Black hymnal, 2176

***Postlude** *"Nun Danket Alle Gott"* Manz

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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