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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we come here to worship the God of all love let us turn our hearts back to God, confessing our sins in this gathered community

Silence for reflection

God of all love, we confess that too often we forget that all whom you have created are known and adored by you. We have sought to divide rather than unite, judge rather than understand, hurt rather than help. Forgive our lack of compassion and concern. Teach us again to live a life that shares your abundant love with all so that the world might be reconciled to you and transformed by your love.

God hears you beloved. Out of God's abundant love for you your sins are forgiven in the + name of God the creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and our advocate. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized in these waters are known and named beloved by the God who created us. We are sought out by the love of God that desires relationship with us. **We encounter Jesus through lives lived faithfully and baptismal promises shared.** Jesus too was baptized and found well-pleasing by God. **May these holy waters daily transform our hearts and minds to remember that God is love; a love that is for us, for the world and for all of creation.** Amen.

Opening Hymn Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977

Look who gathers at Christ's table hear the stories that they bring some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing, others ask why they're invited burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitful efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of life, you made love known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought the searching, lived a ministry of hope and healing, shared God's peace and transformed the world into a place where love is always possible. Ready our hearts now to be reminded of what love is as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Let There Be Love Shared Among Us Song Lyrics Video](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading Luke 9:10-17

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus
Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light
from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and
care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous, life-giving God, we return to you that which you have entrusted to our care. Make these offerings a tangible sign of your love in the world. As we place them before you, O God, your place your Son before us at this holy table. Love is surely present here. We give you all our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Since God is love Jesus became love in this world. As he was known and sought out by those looking for hope and healing, he shared a transforming love with all whom he befriended. One night, during his final meal with his closest followers, Jesus took bread...

That last supper Jesus shared with his friends became the everlasting supper that Jesus shares now with each of us. Send your Holy Spirit into this wheat and wine so that it may become Christ's body and life blood for all who eat and drink of it. Make us ready to humbly receive it as we boldly pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, Jesus has become known to us in the bread and cup. May this holy meal strengthen us to share your love with the world, a love that transforms lives in the sacred name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Beloved and blessed ones, we have lived and shared the love of God in this place. Now go from here remembering you are

+ Known by God who created you

Sought by Jesus who saved you and

Transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

You Are the Seed WOV 753

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will
shine in the night; you are the yeast and a
small grain of salt, a
beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that
will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a
soft, gentle touch, to
witness wherever you go. (refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God,
messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my
friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with
you forevermore, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with
hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
to waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for
myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new
reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home.
(refrain)

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a
turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of
bread it will yield.

There is no place for a city to hide, there's no
mountain can cover
its might;
let your light shine so that your loving works
give honor and glory
to God. (refrain)

Dismissal God is love. You are loved. Go now in love.
Thanks be to God!