

## WORSHIP BULLETIN

### CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

**We seek God here.**

We who come to be inspired and changed

**We seek God's Spirit here.**

We who know how little we know

**We seek God's Word here.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows,  
in the blazing fire that does not consume,  
in the face of the good,  
In love that is lived out,  
in the deep of the unknown.

Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.  
Bring us to you – you who are already with us.  
Help us to be as you would have us be.

O God, we are challenged by the question, "Is our love genuine?"

**Forgive us when we fail to resist the evil.**

**Guide us when we lose sight of how we are called to serve.**

**Renew us when we become frustrated with those closest to us.**

**Prompt us when we are afraid to welcome and care for strangers.**

**Challenge us to bless our enemies beyond instincts for revenge.**

**Draw us into a larger circle of care for all your people.**

**God, call us turn to you and to our neighbor with new vision and to return to who you have created and called us to be.**

God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination.  
God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up.

God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin.  
It is because of this extensive, powerful and bold love,  
I declare to you that God forgives us all our sins.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### FIRST READING

GOSPEL

SERMON

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The blessing of Almighty God:  
+ Source, Word and Spirit,  
be with us now and always.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, live in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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