**June 27, 2021**

**Theme: The Spirit and the Supper**

**Participants:**

Message: Mark

Prayer: Chong

Liturgists: Alice and Dorothy

Scripture: Janie

Vocalists: Gera, Judi, Irene

Prelude – Slides and MP3

**GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

# Welcome- Mark

# God’s Greeting- Mark Call to Worship

We gather together to worship God. We gather together to share a holy meal. We gather around a table to which Christ has invited us. You’ve got a place at this table. We’ve all got a place at this table. We’ll give thanks. We’ll find our home with God together. So welcome to worship. Welcome to the table. Hallelujah!

**Opening Song:** *All are Welcome* [Judi, Gera, Irene] #269

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SIN**

# Prayer Of Confession [Alice V]

King David in Psalm 5 said, “In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.” Let’s join in prayer to the Father, through the Spirit, in the name of Jesus our Saviour.

Lord God, our God, You are great and worthy of our praise. Thank you for giving us the power of Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to pray in confidence and faith.

Lord, our Lord, you have a rightful claim on our lives because you made us, you love us, and you want to bless us with every good thing. But you are not pleased with our sin. Make your way plain to us and lead us in Your righteousness. When faced with crucial choices, may we look for and find Your ways. Enable us to identify the good, to name evil as evil and avoid it. We ask You to lead us, Lord, because you know what is best for us.

Gracious and loving God, you know and sometimes we know all too well that our faith is uncertain, our forgiveness slow, our convictions weak, and our compassion wavering. We have exalted the proud and powerful, ignored the weak and neglected the poor. In this moment of silence, we pause to confront ourselves and name the things that prevent us from fully realizing your grace and sharing it with those around us. [SILENT PRAYER]

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. Hear us, love us, and forgive us. Renew within us a vivid awareness that You are with us. May this awareness make it possible to go where You want us to go, to do what You want us to do, and to give Your name glory. Lead us all in the ways of Your kingdom. Like King David, we want to boldly lay these requests before you and then wait expectantly for how you will answer. You are the God who delights in answering the prayers of His children. And so we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Words Of Assurance [Dorothy V]

This is Good News: God does not mock us when we fail to trust, but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship. God does not shame us when our faith waivers, but challenges us to be strengthened by God’s promises. Happy are those who don’t see…and yet trust! God’s purpose is not to tear us down…but to build us up… forgiven…refreshed…and renewed! Thanks be to God!

# OT Scripture: Psalm 23 [Janie]

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his*

*name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are*

*with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and merc~~]~~y shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

**GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

# Scripture: Acts 20:7-12 [Mark]

*On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a*

*discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below*

*and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” Then Paul went upstairs, and after he*

*had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.*

**Message: “He’s Alive”**

**GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE**

# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 for us to give thanks and praise.**

Church of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who rely on Jesus for the forgives of your sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

# Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty…

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this Supper, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Together we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

God of all power, send your Holy Spirit upon us, that in sharing the bread we may share in the body of Christ, that in sharing the cup we may share in his blood. Grant that, being joined together in Christ Jesus, we may become united in faith and in all things become mature in the one who is our head.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: **Our Father in heaven . . . Amen.**

[breaking the bread] The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

[pouring the cup] The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God!

The body of Christ, given for your life. Thanks be to God!

The blood of Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Thanks be to God!

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Prayer Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and have changed us by your power. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**SONG OF RESPONSE:** *Send Us Your Spirit* #228

Refrain

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

Come to us, Spirit of God; breathe in us now, we sing together.

Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives; come to us, Spirit of God. - Refrain

Fill us with the fire of your love; burn in us now; bring us together.

Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord; come to us, Spirit of God. – Refrain

Send us the wings of new birth; fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.

Let all creation now be shaken with love; come to us, Spirit of God. – Refrain

**Prayers Of The People: Chong**

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

**Offering**  World Renew – Human Trafficking Prevention

# God Blesses Us

**Benediction Song:** *To God be the Glory* (Janie and Bernadette) – May 9/21

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

To God be the glory for the things He has done

With his blood, he has saved me

With his power, he has raised me

To God be the glory for the things He has done