

Order of Worship

5th Sunday in Lent/Communion Sunday
April 3, 2022

Prelude

Laura Murach

Welcome

Deacon

Opening Prayer

God of love, we recognize your presence in the gathering of community. We are grateful for stories shared in your name that transform our lives. We gather remembering that so many of your son's stories were told over shared meals, in times of communion. We arrive hungry to learn, to listen, and to lean into your Word. Open our hearts and our minds to the movement of your Spirit in the midst of the stories. Guide us, O God. Amen.

Hymn

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

NCH 18

Message for All

Sarah Pradhan(video)

Scripture

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,
Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Luke 24: 13-35

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message

"The road *from* Emmaus"

Rev. Ned Parker

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ned Parker

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Disciple'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. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

Abide with Me

NCH 99

Invitation to the Table

Jesus gathered his followers together round a table and they ate the Passover meal as a family of faith. Each person there brought to the gathering talents and growing edges. They had hopes and dreams, disappointments, and fears. Sometimes they all got along, and sometimes they didn't, but they were bound together by their love and belief in Jesus.

Today we are the family Jesus has gathered together for this meal. We are the people who bring all that we are, and all that we hope to be, to the table. We are brothers and sisters by faith, the Body of Christ, children of God. We have all received Jesus' invitation to share the bread and cup so Come! Eat! and know that you have found a common home and family in Jesus Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

In the beginning, God took a blank canvas
and painted our world.

Light filled the universe; colors streamed out:
the blues of the sky and water, the greens of the
trees and grass, the yellow of the sun, and reds,
purples, oranges, and every color in-between of
the flowers.

People whose skin reflected every hue filled the earth,
our beautiful, amazing, wondrous
God-given home.

We now had responsibility for the future of our planet and everything
that inhabited it, including each other.

God's hope for this future was for us to make a
heaven on earth:

a place of harmony and peace,
equity and compassion,
tolerance and positive regard,
a home that was safe for all its creatures.

Despite God's best efforts through men and women,
prophets and kings, however,
human failings made necessary God's most
heart-felt intervention:

Jesus Christ was born,
God's own Son, sent to resurrect the original vision
of God's peaceable Kingdom.

And so with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

We are grateful, Lord, for this food of your body and spirit, reminding us of your deep love of us and your desire that we live in harmony and peace with our neighbors. Show us the way as your people to make our church a home for those who need love, attention, nurturing, and a sense of belonging. Break open our hearts and extinguish any resistance we might have so all will truly be welcome as one of our family. Encircle this family as well as all the families of our community, nation, and world so that every person might feel safe and cared for. We ask all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response

“Thank you, Lord”

United Methodist Hymnal #84

Thank you, Lord
Thank you, Lord
Thank you, Lord
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Closing Song

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Parting Song

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)

God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude