

(*We invite you to stand as you are able.)
(Leader in regular font, **All in bold**)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Christ showed us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God with a humble heart and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God, we confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Not only have we failed to love you with our whole heart, we have failed to love one another as Christ loves us. As we come before you with a humble and contrite heart, we ask you to forgive our sins in Jesus' name.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us and continues to intercede for us. Therefore, since Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, we have nothing to fear. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Glory and praise be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we cannot deserve the sacrifice of Jesus Christ made on our behalf. We resist the role of servant as beneath our dignity. We wonder why we should stoop down before people who may deny and betray us. We confess under the shadow of the cross that our faith wavers before threat, and our love is limited by self-interest. We want to serve without sacrifice or inconvenience. Convict our hearts that we might love and serve others the way Jesus does so that you may be glorified. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We

acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 34-35; Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON

“Where Faith Meets the Road”

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we celebrate the love we only dimly comprehend – your love for us in Jesus Christ. We have vowed to serve you, to minister to one another in Christ's name, and to pass on the love we have received. Remembering all you have done for us, we humbly present these our tithes and offerings to you that you may bless them and multiply them for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PERSONAL PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Laverne will be leaving our Charge in June. If you are interested in contributing to a farewell gift for Pastor, please mark your check or envelope “Pastor's Gift” and send it to the office or put it in the collection plate with your offering. Thank you.

John 13:1-17, 34-35

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. . . . "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Philippians 2:1-11

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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