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Call to Worship
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Confession and Forgiveness **Based on Hebrews 12 and Psalm 51**

In this season of rest and renewal let us come before God to name
the sin that clings so closely, laying it all down at Jesus' feet

Silence is kept for reflection.

Standing in the Sonlight, we confess that we sometimes forget the great cloud of witnesses that surround us, whose faith teaches us about your grace and mercy. In this race of life set before us we trip over our pride, our selfishness and our discontent. We carry the weight of shame and strive for things that do not last. Forgive us O God. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, illuminated by Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Do not grow weary in your souls or lose heart. For God has heard your confession and your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's steadfast love and abundant mercy are yours this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn :
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You Are the Seed WOV

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)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of New Life, in this season of summer, in this time of sabbath, renew in us a spirit of discipleship and teach us to rest in your love for us and all creation. Open our hearts once again to your Word and your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Hannah Kerr - Same God \(Official Lyric Video\)](#)

Welcome the Word

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. 27 They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love WOV 765**
(refrain) Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of your friends, silently washes their feet, master who pours out himself for them (refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away (refrain)

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you (refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we will live with you (refrain)

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy,
Break is broken the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and
heard, Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word
around, loaves abound!

Offering Prayer

God our Provider, we find comfort in the ways you sustain us with
the daily bread we need. Trusting in your continual provision we
return a portion of what you have entrusted to our care. Use it as
you will to renew others as we prepare now to be renewed through
this holy meal in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Jesus and his first followers often gathered around meals in order
to be renewed by the food they ate and the conversation they
shared. One particular meal became a lasting invitation for us to
share in the renewal that comes from receiving Christ in the bread
and the cup. On the night Jesus was handed over he joined his
friends at a table, around a meal, he took bread...do this in
remembrance of me. Pour out on your Holy Spirit on this sacred
meal O Lord, where Jesus is present and all are welcome. Christ
invites you to open your hands and receive God's grace. Come to the
table where Christ is the host who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Response

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God, Immanuel, everywhere. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Post Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, in this meal we have been renewed in body, mind and spirit. Let this new-found renewal strengthen us to be your people in the places and lives that are most in need of knowing a full measure of your love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation WOV 760

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to evr'y nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Go in peace renewed in your call to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!