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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we come here to worship the God of all love let us turn our hearts back to God, confessing our sins in this gathered community

Silence for reflection

God of all love, we confess that too often we forget that all whom you have created are known and adored by you. We have sought to divide rather than unite, judge rather than understand, hurt rather than help. Forgive our lack of compassion and concern. Teach us again to live a life that shares your abundant love with all so that the world might be reconciled to you and transformed by your love.

God hears you beloved. Out of God's abundant love for you your sins are forgiven in the + name of God the creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and our advocate. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized in these waters are known and named beloved by the God who created us. We are sought out by the love of God that desires relationship with us. **We encounter Jesus through lives lived faithfully and baptismal promises shared.** Jesus too was baptized and found well-pleasing by God. **May these holy waters daily transform our hearts and minds to remember that God is love; a love that is for us, for the world and for all of creation. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds LBW

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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our comforts and our cares.
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear.
From sorrows, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of life, you made love known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought the searching, lived a ministry of hope and healing, shared God's peace and transformed the world into a place where love is always possible. Ready our hearts now to be reminded of what love is as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [I Sought The Lord](#)

I Sought the Lord by Danny Byram

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:40-56, Luke 9:1-6

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her haemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them

to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love WOV
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(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)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous, life-giving God, we return to you that which you have entrusted to our care. Make these offerings a tangible sign of your love in the world. As we place them before you, O God, your place your Son before us at this holy table. Love is surely present here. We give you all our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Words of Consecration

Since God is love Jesus became love in this world. As he was known and sought out by those looking for hope and healing, he shared a transforming love with all whom he befriended. One night, during his final meal with his closest followers, Jesus took bread...

That last supper Jesus shared with his friends became the everlasting supper that Jesus shares now with each of us. Send your Holy Spirit into this wheat and wine so that it may become Christ's body and life blood for all who eat and drink of it. Make us ready to humbly receive it as we boldly pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, Jesus has become known to us in the bread and cup. May this holy meal strengthen us to share your love with the world, a love that transforms lives in the sacred name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Beloved and blessed ones, we have lived and shared the love of God in this place. Now go from here remembering you are

+ Known by God who created you

Sought by Jesus who saved you and

Transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee LBW 551
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory,
Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the
dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the
light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect
Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of
unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry
meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, Call us to
rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing,
ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of
happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who
live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the
joy divine.

Dismissal God is love. You are loved. Go now in love.
Thanks be to God!