

We Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship

Minister: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Minister: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: 104 The Lord of heaven confess

St John

- 1 The Lord of heaven confess,
on high his glory raise.
Him let all angels bless,
him all his armies praise.
 Him glorify
 sun, moon and stars;
 ye higher spheres,
 and cloudy sky.

- 2 From God your beings are,
him therefore famous make;
you all created were,
when he the word but spake.
 And from that place,
 where fixed you be
 by his decree,
 you cannot pass.

- 5 Oh, let God's name be praised
above both earth and sky;
for he his saints hath raised,
and set their horn on high;
 even those that be
 of Israel's race,
 near to his grace.
The Lord praise ye.

Responsive Prayer

All: Lord, God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Silence

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God speaks to us today

Reading: I Corinthians 9: 16-23

Offering

Prayer

Hymn: 718 We cannot measure how you heal

The Banks O'Doon

- 1 We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
- 2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

- 3 So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

Talk

Quotation

*"I am struck by how sharing our weakness and difficulties is more
nourishing to others than sharing our qualities and successes."*
(Jean Vanier)

Thought for reflection

Which living person do you truly admire? Why?

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Intimations

We bring to God our Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father,
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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, the power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

Hymn: 497 Almighty Father of all things that be

Chilton Foliat

- 1 Almighty Father of all things that be,
our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,
whose heavens declare thy glory from above,
whose earth below is witness to thy love.

- 5 Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to own,
to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,
to speak and work, to think, and live, and move,
reflecting thine own nature which is love;

- 6 That so, by Christ redeemed from sin and shame,
and hallowed by thy Spirit's cleansing flame,
ourselves, our work, and all our powers may be
a sacrifice acceptable to thee.

Closing Responses

Minister: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do
without us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ
lives beside us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants
to send us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Benediction