

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor: God calls us to this holy place,
which is a safe haven for healing and hope.
*All: We come, with the pain of our burdens,
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.*
Pastor: Together, we will sing songs of joy;
each of us will hear God whisper our name.
*All: We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.*
Pastor: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.
*All: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.*

HYMN

Come, Unto Me, Ye Weary²

Hymnal, #305

CONFESSION³

Pastor: How easy we can learn of God's love - but how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love and we open our hearts to God, saying,
All: Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives work, to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to your Holy Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call other people names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.
You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so we ask you to create new spirits within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON⁴

Pastor: The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.
All: In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

¹ Shuman, Thom. "Call to Worship," Lectionary Liturgies for May 26, 2019. Website accessed Sept 6, 2022.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/05/liturg-y-with-communion-for-may-26-2019.html>.

² Dix, William C. 1867. Arr. W. Lloyd. **Public Domain**. CCLI Song # 4449717.

³ Shuman, Tom. Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 5 and 6 (Overview)

GOSPEL READING – John 5:1-9

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

“After this...”

Rev. Laura C. Baker

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord is My Shepherd

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY INVITATION ⁵

Liturgist: We have received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, so let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God’s generous people.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Dear Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we not only offer our financial gifts to you, but a place within this community - for all who are lonely, our hearts - to all who are grieving, our hope - to all who have lost their way, our lives - to all who are tossed aside by the world. This we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN

Peace, I Leave with You, My Friend ⁶

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BENEDICTION ⁷

Pastor: Our God, who is gracious, sends us out to be a blessing.

*All: With our hearts, we will sing God’s praises;
with our hands, we will serve God’s people.*

Pastor: Jesus, who is our brother, sends us forth to be with others.

*All: We will comfort all whose hearts are troubled;
we will go to help all who cry out to us.*

Pastor: The Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate, sends us into a broken world.

*All: We will work for peace for all who are oppressed;
we will teach songs of hope to all who despair.*

POSTLUDE

⁵ Goudey, June C. Offertory Invitation “#842: Offertory Sentences and Prayer.” The New Century Hymnal. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1995.

⁶ Rep, Ray. 1967. CCLI Song #9206.

⁷ Shuman, Thom. Ibid.

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
And with this love you will be free,
Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un-til I come a - gain.
un-til I come a - gain.
for I will come a - gain.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The score includes a refrain, a verse with three verses, and a final line leading back to the refrain. The key signature has one sharp (F#).