



WELCOME & CALL

Leader O God, come quickly to save us.
All O Lord, come quickly to help us.

OPENING READING

Leader I will exalt you, my God and King,
All **I will praise your name for ever and ever.**
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
You fulfill the desires of those who fear you,
you hear their cry and save them.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord,
Let every creature praise his holy name forever.

from Psalm 145

Leader Let us pray with one heart and mind
that this evening may be holy, good and peaceful.

Take a moment of silence to remember God's loving presence.

Leader Lord, open our lips,
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAISE

A song of praise may be sung, a cappella or with accompaniment.

CONFESSION

One or more group members lead the time of confession:

All **Lord, we confess our hearts are often far from you and your desire for the world.**

Member Everlasting God, you are gracious and compassionate, but we too often find our identity in things other than your life. Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Member Your road for us is often through trials and troubles, grief and struggle. We depend on our own weakness, not your strength, and struggle to trust you refining us. Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Member Our minds are not on guard against the schemes of the world, the flesh and the devil, and we find it so difficult to sincerely love anyone when loving costs us. Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Take time for private confession.

Leader May almighty God,
who sent his Son into our world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

from 1 Timothy 1:15

WORSHIP

*One or more songs of worship may be sung, a cappella or with accompaniment.
Or, if desired, Psalm 27 may be read, closing with a sung doxology.*

GOD'S WORD

*The sermon text may be read and questions discussed.
Or, another reading appropriate to the study may be read.*

THANKSGIVING & PETITION

Speak to One Another:

- Where have you seen the Lord faithfully at work this past week?
- Where do you hope to see the Lord's help and healing this coming week?

Speak to the Lord:

- For growth in our spirit of generosity, and the courage to give to needs as we encounter them.
- For help in the needs just shared among you.
- For the work and witness of our church.
- For God's justice and mercy to come to our neighborhoods, our city, and the world.

closing with:

All **Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader Let us go forth and bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**