



WELCOME & CALL

Leader Gracious God, grant us diligence to seek you and patience to wait for you.
All Amen.

OPENING READING

Leader He is the image of the invisible God
All **the firstborn of all creation;**
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything,
for in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

from Colossians 1

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

Leader Come, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

All **Lord Jesus,**
you are King of kings and Lord of lords,
yet we have rejected your rule
and followed the desires of our own hearts.
All things are yours,
yet we have lived with a sense of entitlement
to what we want for ourselves.
Forgive our self-centeredness,
and remake us in your image,

**so that we would love you supremely
and love our neighbor as you love us.**

Take time for private confession.

Leader May God,
the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of all things,
remove our sin from us
and renew us in his image
through the sacrifice of his Son
and the powerful work of his Spirit.

All Amen.

**All There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God!**

from Romans 8

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 Gracious God, we thank you for hearing us. Thank you for meeting with us with your mercy and Fatherly care. Be with us this week as we go from here, and keep us in the hope of glory - Christ in us, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader Let us go forth and bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.