



WELCOME & CALL

Leader The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

OPENING READING

Leader Create in me a clean heart, O God,
All **and put a new and right spirit within me.**
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

from Psalm 51

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 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

All **Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.**

We confess to you our lack of love for God and neighbor:
Forgive us all our sins.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess that we too often follow the ways of the world:
Heal us of our wounds.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our lack of trust in your word:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Take time for private confession.

Leader May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw *us* to himself and cleanse us from all our sins,
that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **If we confess our sins, he is faithful to and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!**

from 1 John 1:9

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 **Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may
continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader Let us go forth and bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**