



One: We want fast spiritual food, not the nourishing food that comes through patient prayer, quiet reflection, service, thanksgiving, understanding and virtue. We want your saving grace to work in a hurry so we can experience your blessings and peace now.

**All: We are not always willing to undergo the slow transition that allows you to enter our very souls. Help us come to you with repentant hearts so that in your grace we can become your disciples, your servants, and your apostles. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### A Time for Silent Reflection

### Time with Young Disciples

*(All children are to remain in the Sanctuary to participate in worship with their families today.)*

**Song** "Open Our Eyes, Lord" Renew 91

**Scripture** John 1:1-18 (NRSV OT pgs 91-92)

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**God's Good Word** "The WORD Made Flesh" Reverend Todd Allen

### \*Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:

**All: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

One: We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

**All: to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

**All: We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

### \*Sharing Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!** *(Worshippers may greet each other with word or gesture of peace.)*

**Giving Back to God** "Bring Forth the Kingdom" Marty Haugen  
*Sung by Spirit Sounds*

*(Please pass Prayer Cards to the center aisle.)*

## *The Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Words of Invitation

**Communion Song** "Gift of Finest Wheat" Renew 217  
*(Please pass Prayer Cards to the center aisle.)*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Prayers for Ourselves, Others, and the World

One: And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed by your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Story of the Lord's Supper

### The Blessing and Sharing of the Bread and Cup