

PRELUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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*This was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite
hymn. It was sung at many of his rallies as
well as his funeral.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 36:5-10

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends
to the heavens, your faithfulness to the
clouds.*

***Your righteousness is like the mighty
mountains; your judgments are like
the great deep; you save humans and
animals alike, O LORD.***

*How precious is your steadfast love, O
God! All people may take refuge in the
shadow of your wings.*

***They feast on the abundance of your
house, and you give them drink from
the river of your delights.***

*For with you is the fountain of life; in
your light we see light.*

***O continue your steadfast love to those
who know you and your salvation to
the upright of heart!***

OPENING SONG
More Like You
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A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2: 1-11

*On the third day there was a wedding
in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of
Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his
disciples had also been invited to the
wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the
mother of Jesus said to him, "They
have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, what concern is that to me
and to you? My hour has not yet
come." ⁵ His mother said to the
servants, "Do whatever he tells
you." ⁶ Now standing there were six
stone water jars for the Jewish rites of
purification, each holding twenty or
thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them,
"Fill the jars with water." And they
filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to
them, "Now draw some out, and take it
to the person in charge of the
banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the
person in charge tasted the water that
had become wine and did not know
where it came from (though the
servants who had drawn the water
knew), that person called the
bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him,
"Everyone serves the good wine first
and then the inferior wine after the
guests have become drunk. But you
have kept the good wine until
now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his
signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed
his glory, and his disciples believed in
him.*

THE MESSAGE

Signs

CELEBRATING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and
praise.***

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks
to you . . . And so, with your people on
earth, and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who comes
In the name of the Lord.***

Hosanna in the highest!

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son,
Jesus Christ As we proclaim the
mystery of faith:*

***Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.***

*Pour out your Holy Spirit ...All honor
and glory is yours, almighty God, now
and forever.*

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG

We Meet You, O Christ
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SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Traditional American Spiritual
Arranged by Mark Hayes - Lorenz
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More Like You
Words & Music: Scott Wesley Brown

We Meet You, O Christ
Words: Fred Kaan, 1966;
Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1987

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WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world
& all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers
Conventional Christians & questioning
skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender
identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

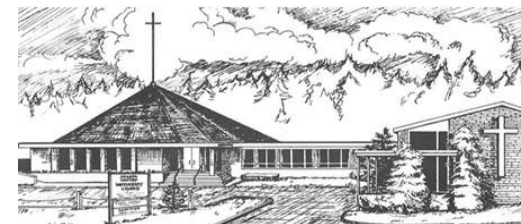
Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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*Service of Worship with
Holy Communion*

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