

***Hymn** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" No. 452

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Offering of God's People

*** Offertory Response** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" No. 240 vs. 1

***Prayer of Dedication**

May we give these gifts, O Lord, with as much gratitude as we receive, and may those who receive as a result of our giving be blessed beyond our imagining. Amen

Anthem "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

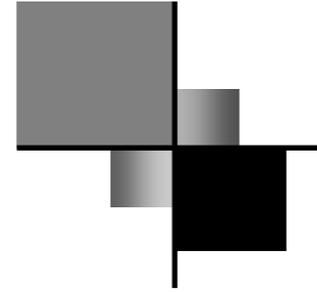
Sharing the Elements *(please hold each element until all have received and we will share in unison)*

Prayer

*** Closing Hymn** "Go to the World!" No. 295 vs. 1-3

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response** "Go to the World!" No. 295 vs.4



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A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Opening Words *(in unison)*

O God, may our minds never become closed by belief, but may they always be open to the surprise of you, to the newness of you, to the woosh of wonder that comes with the discovery of you in unexpected places. May we experience such wonder as we gather for worship today. Amen.

***Hymn** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" No. 239

Call to Confession

In any relationship, self-reflection and apology are sometimes necessary. Our relationship to God is challenged by our reluctance to admit when we fall short; but God is quick to forgive when we own up to our failures. So let's confess together in prayer:

Prayer of Confession

L: Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love;

P: Forgive us;

L: For preferring the safe, familiar and certain to the risky, unknown and mysterious;

P: Forgive us;

L: For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability;

P: Forgive us;

L: For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity;

P: Forgive us;

L: For fearing those different from ourselves, and projecting onto them what we cannot accept within our own depths;

P: Forgive us;

L: For assuming we are superior to the rest of creation, for abusing, despoiling and failing to celebrate our relationship with the earth and the web of life;

P: Forgive us;

L: For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day;

P: Forgive us;

L: Set us free, we pray, to be whole human beings and to live our lives graciously and without fear.

(Please observe a moment of silent, personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

L: God forgives us:

P: God makes peace within us; we claim this healing in faith and love.

Passing of the Peace

May peace always find a way into our hearts and our relationships. Share that peace now with each other in the name of Christ our Lord.

Children's Message

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon

"The Waiting Game"

Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

*Affirmation of Faith

from the Church in Indonesia

I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people. I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned toward the truth. I believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people. I believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace for all humankind.