



You shall love the Lord  
your God with all your  
heart, and with all your  
soul, and with all your  
mind, and with all your  
strength.' [and], 'You  
shall love your neighbor  
as yourself.  
Mark 12: 29-31

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## COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world

**ALL: We declare that God called the created universe "good."**

One: We are called to bring this hope in God with us wherever we go

**ALL: We declare that God makes all things new again.**

One: Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another.

**ALL: We join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN They'll know We Are Christians #4 Blue folder**

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.**

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

**(Refrain :) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.**

**We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand.**

**And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**(Refrain :) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side.**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side**

**And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.**

**(Refrain :) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father; from whom all things come.**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.**

**And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.**

**(Refrain :) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE**

One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **PRAYER**

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

##### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9 New Revised Standard Version**

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Mark 12: 28-31 New Revised Standard Version**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**

**The Greatest Commandment =LOVE  
Reverend Patty Dodds**

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS**

**ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

**ALL: Hear our Prayer.**

## **PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

**One:** God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.**

**One:** Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

**ALL:** **God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management -- announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

#### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: We are the body of Christ.

**ALL: The Spirit is with us.**

One: Let us lift up our hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: One: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy,  
... With those who tell of you to their children, with those who have  
tattooed you on their souls, we lift our praises to you:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of truth and light,  
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!**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God...So, as we eat this bread and drink  
this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

One: Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate... and all are free as  
Christ is free. Amen

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you  
have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our  
deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us  
forth in courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may  
become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

### **\*CLOSING HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #347**

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

(Refrain: ) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

(Refrain: ) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God(Immanuel) everywhere!

(Refrain: ) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!

### **\*COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which  
God has called us:

**People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and  
with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is  
good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we  
will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and  
honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)**

**GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE**

\*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

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**Announcements:**

**Effective TODAY, July 4, Trinity will no longer require masks to be worn in the building.** Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

**Craft and Chat night this Thursday July 8th 6:00 to 9:00pm** in the fellowship hall. Bring a craft or just come to chat. All are welcome. Any questions contact Katie Crockett at 717-684-7925. The next craft night will be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Next week's scripture will be Psalm 23.**

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Call or email the church office for more information. Everyone Can Participate!**

**Mark your Calendars for our next upcoming Chicken Barbeques!** July 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Return of Our Rummage Sale is approaching!** Our next Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until 2pm and Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8 until 12pm. Help is needed for set up and packing up from sale. Mark your calendars!

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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