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Welcome & Announcements (Stuart)

Introduction of self and mention of the mission of Morning Star:

~Our mission is to **point people to the grace of God found in Jesus Christ**. We pursue this mission through a vision of **inspirational worship, radical inclusion, and the alleviation of suffering**.

Connect Card/Sign-In Sheet

Three Announcements

Call to Worship (Stuart)

Someone: A love that never ceases,

Everyone: A creativity that designed the universe,

Someone: A hope that cannot be quenched,

Everyone: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

Someone: These are the things that are of God,

Everyone: Then let us worship God.

Peace (Stuart)

And now, please stand as you are able and pass the peace to one another from where you are.

Opening Hymn: UMH # 530 Are Ye Able v 1, 2, 4

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"

"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,

“to the death we follow thee.”

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Scripture (Audrey)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are

opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ^[c] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Message (Amy): Sustained

(Series Part 3 of 5) Confirmed: It's Not What You Know

Pastoral Prayer (Kathy)

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And now, let us pray as Christ taught his disciples, saying...

The Lord's Prayer (Kathy)

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

Giving Moment (Amy)

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn: UMH # 377 It Is Well with My Soul v 1-3

1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Holy Communion (Amy) (Bread and Cup Slide)

(Reference elements and open table because not one of us needs God's grace any more than the next person.)

(Invitation)

Christ Jesus invites to this table ALL, as we love him, as we earnestly repent of our sin and as we seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us make our confession before God and one another.

(Confession/Assurance)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: *Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Institution - Bread and Cup Slide)

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the

new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

(Consecration)

Let us pray . . .

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

(Distribution)

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. With gratitude for God's unifying work in us, let us partake once again, as we remember once again . . .

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

[PAUSE FOR TAKING OF THE BREAD AND BREATH OF SILENCE]

This is the cup of salvation, poured out for you.

[PAUSE FOR TAKING OF THE BREAD AND BREATH OF SILENCE]

(Prayer after Receiving)

Let us pray together . . .

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Amy)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #672 God Be with You Till We Meet Again v 1-3

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Blessing (Amy)

(A Franciscan Blessing)

May God bless us with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our heart.

May God bless us with holy anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
**so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace
among all people.**

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer
from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish,
**so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and
transform their pain into joy.**

May God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we really can make a difference in this world,
**so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim
cannot be done.**

*In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
who loves us very much, Amen.*

Go in peace, to love and serve!