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## **Welcome (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.

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## **Call to Worship (Stuart introduces)**

Someone: Jesus offers a new yet old commandment, that we should love each other.

**Everyone: With the incredible power and the great depth of God's love for us, we truly can love one another.**

Someone: In our love for one another, the world will know whom and what we worship.

**Everyone: We are the children of God; let us love one another.**

## **Peace (Stuart)**

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

## **Song: More Than Conquerors**

**When my hope and strength is gone**

**You're the one who calls me on**

**You are the life**

**You are the fight**

**That's in my soul**

**Oh, Your resurrection power  
Burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise  
I lift my eyes  
Up to Your throne**

**We are more than conquerors, through Christ  
You have overcome this world, this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame  
We are defiant in Your name**

**You are the fire that cannot be tamed  
You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord, our God, our Conqueror**

**I will sing into the night  
Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He  
Living in me  
Than in the world**

**No surrender, no retreat  
We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare  
Over despair  
You are the hope**

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We will not bow to sin or to shame  
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Our Lord, our God, our Conqueror**

**Nothing is impossible  
Every chain is breakable  
With You, we are victorious**

**You are stronger than our hearts  
You are greater than the dark  
With You, we are victorious**

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**Song: Hallelujah**

**Your love is amazing**

**Steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain  
Firm beneath my feet**

**Your love is a mystery  
How You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded  
Your love carries me**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing**

**Your love is surprising  
I can feel it rising  
Oh the joy that's glowing  
Deep inside of me**

**Everytime I see You  
All Your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song  
Rising up in me**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing**

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Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing**

**Lord, You make me sing  
How You make me sing**

### **Children's Moment & Lord's Prayer**

**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 or Stuart)**

## **Scripture (David Hereford)**

### **John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## **Message (Amy): Two Gifts from Jesus: Love (Series Part 1 of 2)**

## **Pastoral Prayer (Kathy)**

*Gracious God, we thank you for your steadfast love, for all that we are and all that we have, knowing that all things come from you. As we come before you in prayer, we lift to you the joys and concerns, the hopes and dreams of our lives. We bring before you all those on our hearts in need of your healing mercies and compassionate love. May we be present in their lives not only in our prayers, but in our lives and actions as well.*

*Through Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us*

*in Christ. Help us to build a future where peace reigns, justice is fulfilled with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Song: Hold Us Together**

**It don't have a job, don't pay your bills  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps  
Ain't the law of the land or the government**

**But it's all you need**

**And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone**

**It's waiting for you knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor**

**And you're on your knees**

**And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone**

**It's waiting for you knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor**

**And you're on your knees**

**And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone**

**This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright**

## **Holy Communion (Amy)**

*(Begin with a reference to the elements and the open table.)*

### ***(Invitation)***

*Beloved,  
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and  
liberation,  
to feast on the dreams of God,  
to be nourished by but a taste of what God desires to do among us.  
God calls us from institutional halls of power,  
From shelters and the streets,  
From classrooms and pulpits,  
From bars and prison cells.  
God calls us as we are, from wherever we are,  
to come and be in solidarity with Christ,  
who lives and loves on the margins.*

### **Confession**

*In acknowledgement of the ways that we have not fully embraced  
or shared God's deep and abiding love for humanity, we will now  
take time to observe a moment of silent confession, which will  
conclude with a prayer that we will speak out loud together.*

*Let us observe a moment of silent confession.*

**[SILENCE]**

*And now, let us pray together . . .*

**Gracious and Loving God, we confess that we've failed to love you relentlessly. We've neglected to follow Jesus on paths of uncertainty; we've stopped short of taking risks for one another. We've refrained from calling unjust power down from its throne and from lifting up the lonely, the impoverished and the burdened. Forgive us, we pray. Fill us with a love that teaches us to align ourselves with your children who suffer for any reason. Strengthen our faith in believing that together, we might en flesh new possibilities of healing, connection and freedom from all that destroys. Amen.**

### **The Good News**

*Hear the Good News: When these are the desires of our hearts, we open ourselves even further to experience the boundless love of God because in the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

***(Bread and Cup Slide—keep as background until post-communion prayer)***

### ***(Institution)***

*In this meal,  
we remember the life, death, and resurrection of  
the One who still takes on flesh among us today.  
On the night he would be arrested,  
Jesus gathered his friends and companions.  
In the midst of a tense and dangerous time,  
they found each other at table,  
connecting over the story of God-en fleshed among them.  
And as they did so, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God,  
broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
When the supper was over, he also took the cup,  
gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying,  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

***(Consecration)***

*And so we pray,  
Come Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God,  
Renewer of Life,  
settle on these gifts and all who gather here,  
that we might be transformed  
by your radical love,  
your eternal embrace,  
and your grace that makes all things new.  
Amen.*

***(Distribution)***

*Beloved, with gratitude in our hearts for the depths of God’s love  
for us,  
I invite you to partake with me now, as we remember, once again...*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.  
*(The bread is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)*

This is the cup of salvation, poured out for you.  
*(The cup is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***(Post-Communion Prayer)***

*Let us pray together . . .*

**Gracious and Loving 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 with love and grace. In the name of Jesus, who set this example for us, we pray. Amen.**

## **Affirmation of Faith (Amy)**

**We believe in an amazing God, who weeps with us on Good Friday and transforms our tears into alleluias on Easter morning, who has the last word on evil, who never tires of loving and working for good.**

**We believe in the Risen Christ, not stuck in a tomb of despair nailed to a dead-end future or buried in the past, but ALIVE and willing to walk with us on the ups and downs of our own journey.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the invisible presence, the divine breath of joy, hope and possibility. We believe the Spirit creates a community of belonging, compassion and justice so that the whole world may be filled with wonder and hope.**

**We believe we are to live as an Easter people grinning with hope, contagious with joy and boundless in love. Amen.**

## **Song: Glory to God Forever**

**Before the world was made  
Before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of kings  
Yeah You were yeah You were  
And now You're reigning still  
Enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out  
We join them as we sing**

**(We sing)**

**Glory to God**

**Glory to God**

**Glory to God forever**

**Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
(Yeah)**

**Creator God You gave me breath  
So I could praise  
Your great and matchless name  
All my days all my days  
So let my whole life be  
A blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings  
The greatness of our King**

**Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours**

**(We sing)  
Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
Glory to God  
Glory to God  
Glory to God forever  
(Yeah)**

## Announcements (Stuart)

1. Sunday, May 22 – Burger Throwdown & End-of-School Bash @ 4:00
2. Monday, May 23 – Congregational Care Meeting for those interested in serving in congregational care
3. Sunday, May 29 – InterAct church begins

***Amy: Before the blessing, mention the information meeting at 2:00.***

## 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!**