

**CALLED TO COMMUNITY:
WE ARE ONE SEPARATE AND EQUAL**

PRELUDE “Lift Every Voice”

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<https://youtu.be/zz1sFUniFCo>, recording by Lori Douglas Weaver, COS
music director

WELCOME

Greeting from Grace Wallace, COS Coordinator

Introduction from Rev Dr Rebeka Maples, Spiritual Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We were created in relationship with God, for relationship with each other.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all the world.

All: We are created for community!

UNISON PRAYER

**Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,
call us to community.**

Remind us that in you we are one in your body – the church.

**Awake in us a respect for one another,
and celebrate with us our diversity in our unity.**

May it be so now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD: Amos 5:23-24

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

INTRODUCTION to Reflection (Rev. Dr. Joon-Sik Park)

REFLECTION “It’s (Still) Safe to Murder Negroes”

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SONG “We Shall Overcome” (2 verses)

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<https://youtu.be/Aor6-DkzBJ0>, Morehouse College Glee Club

REMEMBERING COMMUNION

Jesus told us that people will come from east and west and from north and south to sit at the table in God's kingdom...

And so, we join our voices with all God's creatures near and far, from voices of today and ages past, as we remember the table of our communion, even during times when we have no table and no bread or wine to share:

**ALL: 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.**

TASTING EASTER

Receive us and our joyful praise today, Lord Jesus...

Even without bread or wine we remember that you are always with us, and we remember the taste of your love and share your goodness in times of sorrow and joy:

ALL: CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Holy Spirit, you make new life rise in us and around us...

Remember the Bread of life (*plate*),

Remember the Cup of forgiveness (*cup*).

Taste and see that God is good.

ALL: GOD'S LOVE IS WITH US.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

PRAYERS OF COMMUNITY

God of love and loving, thank you for remembering us as we remember you.

Hear the prayers, the joys and concerns of this community...

(you may unmute the mic or send your prayers in the Chat box)

God of all, we come to you with many different things on our minds. Calm our hearts and comfort our souls that we may be present to you and to each other in our learning and our living:

ALL: SHOW US HOW TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

We come praying for the people who matter to us, our friends and families, our churches and communities, those dear to us and those who have disappointed us. May your love make our love stronger:

ALL: SHOW US HOW TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

We pray for people around the world, Christians and those of other faiths, may our connection in you as one body in Christ lead us to practice peace in our daily lives that we may build your peace on earth. May we learn that there is a place at your table for everyone. May your love make our love for our neighbors stronger:

ALL: SHOW US HOW TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

And as we pray, we pray for ourselves – help us see in ourselves all the things you love about us, help us remember the good in us that we may share our gifts with the world:

ALL: SHOW US HOW TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

In communion with you and one another, we pray that together we will build your community on earth as in heaven, knowing that we are one with you and each other.

ALL: AMEN.

SONG **“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL” (2 verses)**

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Recording by Bay Allen, Local Pastor, COS student

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

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 (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

BLESSING

As we leave this sacred time
May we live out our faith in community
Knowing that all humanity is one
In communion with Christ.

ALL: AMEN.

POSTLUDE <https://youtu.be/srB3IEKZ5Lw>

“Dona Nobis Pacem” Grant Us Peace, traditional Latin
(recording by Lori Douglas Weaver, COS music director)

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