

**COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION
FRIDAY GATHERING**

MAY 3-4, 2019

**A SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP
(please choose a friendship bracelet as you enter)**

**WELCOME & community announcements
Greeting**

OPENING SONG "I Have Found A Friend In Jesus" TFWS 2062

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: You have blessed us, O God, with the gift of friendship, in a circle of love.

All: We thank you for this blessing:

**For friends who love us, who share our sorrows,
Who laugh with us in celebration, who bear our pain,
Who need us as we need them,
Who weep as we weep,
Who hold us when words fail,
And who encourage us to be our best.**

Leader: Bless these friends gathered here, and friends of past, present, and future with health, wholeness, life, and love, through Jesus Christ our true friend. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:15-17

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

ACT OF FRIENDSHIP: Who is a friend?

How do you describe friendship? What words come to mind?
How do you know when you have a good friend?

A PRAYER FOR FRIENDS

O God, you are our friend, and with our whole hearts,
We pray that you look after our friends:

**All: guide them in troubles, lead them when lost,
Give them your guidance.
When they just need to talk, send them a friend,
When they've nowhere to turn, show them a new road,
When a bridge has been burned, teach them to wait,
When everything seems wrong, show them goodness.
Lord, in your mercy, this is my prayer,
A message from my heart, for friends so dear. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:12-15

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYERS
"In Celebration of Earth Day"

WELCOME

A READING (from Genesis 1)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And God said all that was made was good: the day and the night, the sky, the land and the seas, the sun and stars, the living creatures in the oceans, the earth, and the humans in God's own image. And God saw that it was all very good.



LIVING IN HARMONY WITH THE EARTH

May we use the Earth's resources with love, humility and care, without guilt, without fear, without waste.

May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we live together with all creatures that share this planet with us.

May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care not to pollute them.

May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we learn to live within our means, reducing our waste and reusing or recycling all we can.

May we live in harmony with the earth.

May we leave the world in a better condition than it is, to ensure future generations live in health and happiness.

May we live in harmony with the earth.

MORNING SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

CLOSING PRAYER

Creator of all living things,

All: Help guide our actions and thoughts that we may become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act with care for the earth, and help us make wise choices in our everyday living. We ask this through christ our lord. Amen.

Adapted from: www.tcdsb.org/Board/Liturgies/Earth; and www.franciscanaction.org

**COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION
SATURDAY WORSHIP**

May 3-4, 2019

A CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION AND EUCHARIST

**Gathering
WELCOME**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH 158**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the night and in the morning,

All: You are with us

Full of sadness, tired and hungry,

You are with us

Lost and alone, glad and hopeful,

You are with us

In the breaking of the bread and in prayer,

Jesus is among us

In the telling of our stories and in our actions,

Jesus is among us

When you call our names,

We will follow

Risen Christ,

Send us forth to love as Christ loves us.

***PRAYER**

God who gathers us into the great congregation and around this table of grace, we bow before you and live for you. As we seek you and lead others to you, we pray for your holy church, for friends near and far, and for sisters and brothers in our communities and around the world. In your love for justice, we proclaim your praise. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE *John 14:1-3*

MESSAGE **“On Troubling and Being Troubled”**

Rev Dr Jeff Jaynes,

COS faculty member, received M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and

Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. A Presbyterian elder, he currently teaches

Church History at MTSO.

TAIZE CHORUS **“Nothing Can Trouble”**

TFWS 2054

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

Greeting

COSSO Director, Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park

Responsive Reading

Director: Beloved in Christ, the Church is the Body of Christ, and we are God's holy people, called by name and guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: We are received into the Church at baptism, and called to proclaim the mighty acts of God in the name of Jesus Christ, to serve him in the Church and the world.

Director: God sent us a Savior and called the apostles to witness to his words and deeds. Through him, the Church was formed. Now God has called you into ministry with The United Methodist Church.

All: We honor this tradition and celebrate our call to ministry, as servants of the Church, as pastors, preachers, teachers, and bearers of God's word.

Director: In all things, God's grace is sufficient to strengthen you, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: By the same Spirit, God has called each of us. We stand with joy to honor these graduates, and celebrate their completion of the Course of Study.

Director: May God increase in you the gifts of grace for your life and ministry.

Presentation of Graduates

Director: Who is presented for graduation from the Course of Study?

COS Coordinator: I present these candidates for graduation:

JOHN BANEY

Susquehanna Conference

CALVIN COOK

Western Pennsylvania Conference

SCOTT LOOMIS

Michigan Conference

They have completed all requirements for the Course of Study, as set by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Blessing & Anointing *(candidates kneel or stand for the blessing)*

Director: In the name of Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we celebrate your graduation from the Course of Study. We commend you to your ministry as a Local Pastor in The United Methodist Church and pledge our continued prayers.

Spiritual Director: May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in all things you may do God's will in service to the church, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Presentation of Certificate & Gift by COS Coordinator:

Receive this certificate and gift in recognition of your completion of the Course of Study.

Laying on of Hands and Welcome

(all are invited forward to lay hands on the graduates or touch the person near you as a sign of our connection in the body of Christ)

COS Coordinator: Gracious God, you are the Lord of all. We humbly place these

graduates in your hands. Keep them and preserve them. Give them courage, patience, and vision to be your faithful servants and worthy leaders. Bless them with caring communities as they lead your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Director: And now, remember your call. Preach the Good News. Shepherd the flock of Christ. And in all things, give God the glory, now and always -
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that you have graduated from the Course of Study.

***GRADUATION SONG “Here I Am, Lord”**

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HOLY COMMUNION

*(The Great Thanksgiving adapted from Thom M. Shuman,
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/May-5-2019-Easter 3)*

(The Great Thanksgiving prayer is read with these responses)

May the God of morning joy be with you!

May the God of gracious moments be with you!

Lift your hearts to God of love and hope!

We offer them to the One who fills us with life!

Let us sing glad praises to our God!

Our voices join all creation in glad songs!

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Holy, holy, holy are you, God who loves us more than these.

With all creatures of heaven and earth we join in singing:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

...

Christ died, as God’s heart broke;

Christ was raised, as all creation sang in joy;

Christ will come, as we are gathered in the fullness of time.

...

And now we are bold to pray:

OUR FATHER...

***COSSO ANTHEM “My Life Flows On”**
(everyone is invited to sing with the Choir)

TFWS 2212

***BLESSING**

Resources:

Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday by Ruth Burgess (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006.