Abiding with Jesus

Inspired by John 8:31-36

"To be truly free, abide with me,"
Jesus declares to his people.
That's why we gather week-by-week,
together under the steeple.

Through Scripture read, sung, and heard
we give our time to Jesus' word.
Our hearts are opened, freed from sin,
that gift of new life may begin.

Through waters wet, dripping with grace,
Jesus draws near with love's embrace.
Jesus is met in Watered Word,
setting us free from powers feared.

The Table set with bread and wine
is given by the Love Divine
who nourishes us and sets us free
to live in generosity.

In the room is conversation
of concern and consolation.
For we are freed to tell our story,
be it anguished or of glory.

Through the water, word, wine with bread,
and consoling talk we abide
with Christ; and by him we are led
to walk in freedom at his side.

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