

*“All you need is love, all you need is love,
All you need is love, love – love is all you need.”*

— LENNON/McCARTNEY

Rainstick & Welcome

Gathering Music

Meditation from Thais

Maggie Sample

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship (*A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Worship Group*)

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Amen. We praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn*

God Is Here!

CH#280

Responsive Reading

Psalm 71.1–8

(Translation by Robert Alter)

In you, O Lord, I shelter. Let me never be shamed.

Through your bounty save me and free me. Incline Your ear to me and rescue me.

Be for me a fortress-dwelling to come into always.

You ordained to rescue me, for You are my rock and my bastion.

My God, free me from the hand of the wicked, from the grip of the wicked and the violent.

For You are my hope, Master, O Lord, my refuge since youth.

Upon You I relied from birth. From my mother's womb You brought me out. To You is my praise always.

An example I was to the many, and You are my sheltering strength. May my mouth be filled with Your praise, all day long Your glory.

Sung Response*

In The Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (sing 3 times) –from Songs & Prayers of Taize

Anthem

Ask of Me

Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13

Meditation on the Word

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

When Love Is Found

CH#499

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Mission Moment

Offering

Sung Response*

Doxology

(sung to the tune: What Star Is This with Beams so Bright)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication*

The Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Communion Hymn*

I Come With Joy

CH#420

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them, ourselves. Amen.

Bread of the Earth, Fruit of the Vine (*the elements are shared*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for uniting us at this table in the body of Christ, and for this meal which fills us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this bread and this cup may be active in your service.

Go with us now, as we begin the long journey outward from Bethlehem, to the places where we live our lives, and let us shine in our world the way we shone that night as we knelt beside the manger. In the name of the Child we pray, Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Closing Hymn*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

CH#589

Benediction*

Benediction Response*

Sanctuary

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

Postlude

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