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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: How many threats surround us; warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

People: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!



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OPENING HYMN: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms (UMH 133)

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim
way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day
to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to
fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so
near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)



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PRAYER HYMN: Be Still, My Soul (UMH 534)

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

leave to your God to order and provide;

in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake

to guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

when we shall be forever with the Lord,

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



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THE 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



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PSALM READING – Psalm 137:1-9

Leader: By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

People: On the willows there we hung up our liars.

Leader: For there our captives required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

People: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Leader: If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

People: Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

Leader: O Lord, remember against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem,

People: how they said, “Raze it, raze it! Down to its foundations!”

Leader: O daughter of Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who repay you with what you have done to us!

People: Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”



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HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Through this meal may our faith lead to faithful living. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN: How Firm a Foundation (UMH 529)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."



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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.



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