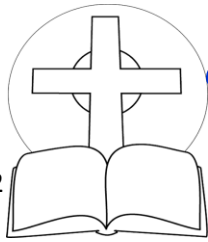


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Communion

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us consider the advice of wise people: "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

— (Søren Kierkegaard)

**All: "Study the past if you would define the future."**

— (Confucius)

One: A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.— (Marcus Garvey)

**All: "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."** (George Santayana)

One: Let us worship the One who is always with us and whose wisdom never grows out of date.

\* Hymn MV #28 – "God of the Bible"

Prayer of Approach

**God of days ancient and new, speak to us your words of wisdom.**

**Help us hear afresh Christ's message of love and servanthood.**

**Soften our hearts to sense your presence.**

**Open our eyes to see your guiding hand.**

**Open our ears to hear your call.**

**Change our lives to follow your path of justice and mercy.**

**Forgive us, when we focus exclusively on the values of strength and might;**

**when we accept the world's measures of power and success;**

**when we scramble for social recognition;**

**when we withhold hospitality to strangers**

**or forget the tortured and tormented of our world;**

**when we betray our marital vows or neglect our loved ones.**

**Turn our hearts back to you, that we might again be your people.**

**Open our ears and minds, that we might hear your voice and**

**answer your call. In hope and trust, we pray. AMEN**

## The Word



Scripture Readings – Jeremiah 2: 6a

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – "Why we are good"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

## The Response

\* Offering / Response (VU #540)

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,**

**With a spirit large and free.**

**That ourselves and all our living**

**We may offer faithfully.**

Announcements/Minute Person – Patrick Woodbeck

\* Hymn MV #195 – "Long Ago and Far Away"

Celebration of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

\* Hymn MV #154 – "Deep in Our Hearts"

\* Benediction / Response

**Send us out in the power of your spirit, Lord,**

**May our lives bring Jesus to the world.**

**May each thought and word bring glory to your name,**

**Send us out in your spirit, Lord, we pray.**

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