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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

Call to Worship

One: God has plans for us,

All: Plans for a future with hope.

One: God has a way for us,

All: The way of peace, love and reconciliation.

One: God has hope for us,

All: The hope of resurrection, the promise of new life in Christ.

One: God has a commandment for us,

All: That commandment is to love one another.

One: Let us worship and pray together.

All: Let us live into the way of Christ together

* Hymn MV #1 – “*Let Us Build a House*”

Prayer of Approach - **Great Creator, we praise You today for the works of Your hands, the wonders of our created universe. We thank You for this beautiful earth that we live upon. We thank You for the creative gift in each of us, to build and create, to teach and to learn. Holy God, we confess that at times we have lost Your way. We have held grudges and called for revenge. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have at times ignored calls for justice. Forgive us, O God, when we forget Your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we think our way is better. Call us back into living in the ways of love, restoration and healing. In the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn VU # 602 – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “*Love! Not that easy.*”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Duet – “*Love Grows Here*”

The Response

Announcements

* 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.**

Communion Liturgy

One: May God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Sanctus and Benedictus (MV #203)

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

**All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
Creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always!**

Memorial Acclamation

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died
And Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Great Amen

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

Closing Prayer

* Hymn – “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth*” (last page of announcement sheet)

Commissioning/Benediction

Response – (VU #575 v.1)

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!**