

(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: In the depths of despair, we yearn for God.

All: In the darkness of night, we look for light.

One: In the sorrows of life, we long for hope.

All: Here in this place, Christ offers his touch.

\* Opening Hymn VU #665 – "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We are looking for ways to make sense of our lives---the uncertainties of work, the chaos of family life, the constant, competing demands on our energy and resources. Can you give us some insight that will inject calm and happiness, Wise One?

There are days when it seems we only have energy for tears. In our hurting and exhaustion, when we feel that we have lost control, we cry out to you. When we are angry and the world seems so unfair, we call out to you to fix everything and make us whole again. You have our full attention when our lives are in turmoil. Forgive us for neglecting you when it goes well. Teach us to love and trust you consistently. Surprise us with Christ's healing Spirit. AMEN

Words of Assurance

\* Hymn VU #852 – "Up from the Depths I Cry to God"

The Lord's Prayer

## The Word

Scripture Reading – Psalm 130 Mark 5: 21-34

## Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – "Straight talk when you're backed into a corner."

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

## The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (∨∪ #958) Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

Prayers of the People

- \* Closing Hymn VU #657 "He Leadeth Me"
- \* Benediction / Response (VU #424)

May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all, Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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