

WORDS OF WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) [adapted: MinistryMatters.com]

Come to the house of the Lord. Come with your prayers,
your presence, your gifts and your service.

What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

We bring the gift of prayer to this house. We raise to God
our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.

We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship, work and witness.

We bring the gift of service, commitment of our time and
talents to serve God by working in God's world.

These are the gifts we now bring. May we celebrate the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

✠ Opening HYMN **CH #718**
"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

LITANY PRAYER OF HEALING, HOPE, BLESSING, & COMMITMENT

The voice of God is speaking to you.
God is calling you today to come and rejoice.
Come to me, dear ones. Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. Our hands are calloused and dirty, rough.

Open your hands. My healing and cleansing-forgiving love
will protect and soothe you. Come to me, beloved friends.
Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. Our hands have been wounded and they are bleeding.

Open your hands and I will touch your wounds and stop
the bleeding. Come to me, disciples, witnesses.
Open your hands.

We can't, Lord. We have nothing to offer to you. Our hands are empty.

Open your hands and I will give you my forgiveness.
Live and walk in my peace.
Now you are healed.

Now we can reach out to help.

Now you can go into the world to offer blessing and hope.

Praise be to you, O God, who has taken our excuses and turned them into commitment. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 28)

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

MESSAGE

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✠ HYMN

CH #609 vss. 1,2, 5,6

"Take My Life"

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING