

# Order of Worship

### Opening Hymn | Go to Dark Gethsemane

#### Invitation and Gathering | Pastor Charles

Pastor: Welcome this evening to a celebration of hope and joy. On this dark night we have come to remember the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. This Lenten Journey has brought us to this place, past many barriers, over difficult spiritual terrain. Now we are invited to the feast, the time of remembrance. Welcome, dear friends, welcome to worship and to the table of the Lord.

#### Call to Worship | Pastor Joel

Pastor: Our forefathers were hungering in the wilderness.

People: We too, are travelers in the wilderness, hungering and thirsting.

Pastor: And God gave them bread, manna from heaven to eat.

People: Give us this bread, too, that we may be filled.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

People: Lord, we come to you in this place; we believe your promises.

Pastor: Christ is the living bread that came down from heaven to do his father's will, to give his life for the world.

#### Opening Prayer | Pastor Joel

Ever-gracious God, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and Redeemer. AMEN.

Scripture Reading | Luke 22:7-23 | Missy

**Sermon** | by Pastor Charles

**Holy Communion** 

**Apostles' Creed** 

### Prayer of Confession and Assurance | Pastor Joel

Pastor: God of mercy and love, when Judas went out that door, a part of each one of us went with him.

People: We have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another.

Pastor: And when the disciples sat unmoving at the table, each waiting for the other to wash their feet, a part of each one of us sat there with them.

People: We have all sat unmoving, waiting for someone else to do what we should be doing ourselves.

Pastor: And when Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, a part of each one of us joined him in that rejection

People: We have all resisted the new hierarchy of Jesus, where those who are greatest become loving servants to all.

Pastor: Forgive us for immobility, for our fear. Help us to again return to following Jesus who would lead us to hope, forgiveness and eternal life. AMEN.

#### Hymn | Were You There

## Dismissal with Blessings | Pastor Charles

As we leave the table of the Lord, may we take with us the example laid here before us. Let the bread and wine of Christ truly live in us and through us. Let us take up the towel and basin into the world to which we are called to be servants of God. May we fulfill that calling through the Lord Jesus Christ. Go in peace, Amen.

Hymn | For the Bread Which You Have Broken