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#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CENTERING MOMENT:**

"My fear is not that our great movement, known as the Methodists, will eventually cease to exist or one day die from the earth. My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great."

-John Wesley

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Welcome to this place—full of music, words, and prayer: where we encounter a Wisdom, we cannot always understand.

There are many places we could be this morning, but we have chosen to be here: where we learn how-to live-in God's Kingdom.

This is just one holy place where the church gathers: In cities and the countryside; in sanctuaries and homes.

We join all of God's people gathered to praise & worship, **Under trees and streams of water.** 

In English and in Portuguese; With organ, guitar, and drum.

With voices of young and old, With song and with silence;

With dance and with prayer, God's people gather to worship!

Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord today! Hallelujah! Amen.

# HYMN #732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

# PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

#### **HYMN SING**

## #352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" v. 1 & 2

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

# SCRIPTURE: Judges 4:14-23 This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. All Praise to the Living Word!

## HYMN #2009 "O God Beyond All Praising"

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

MESSAGE: The One Who Nailed It

**OFFERING** 

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS DOXOLOGY UMH #95

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** 

#### SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF COMMUNION

#### INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites us all to his table...

#### **CONFESSION & PARDON:**

Merciful God.

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Glory to God! Amen!

## HYMN #618 "Let us Break Bread Together" v. 1 & 2

Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me. In which the kingdom comes.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF BLESSING**

# RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

# HYMN #618 "Let us Break Bread Together" v. 3 & 4

Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy if you please.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions

God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to
feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been
forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

# Hymn #617 "I Come with Joy" v. 1, 3, & 5

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids, us share, each proud division ends

The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Together me, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

"May the Peace of the Lord Christ"
May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the
Wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

With Love, Pastor Daní