Prelude *“”*

Call to Worship

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

**One:** God whose love is pouring over us, welcomes us here today.  
**Many: Praise be to God!**  
**One:** God whose healing power is ready to bind up our wounds, welcomes us here today.  
**Many: Praise be to God!**  
**One:** God whose transforming presence offers us hope and peace, welcomes us here today.  
**All: Praise be to God who loves, heals and restores us. AMEN.**

Hymn *“Great God, As We Are Gathering”*

Great God, as we are gathering,

you watch your people come;

as yet, we're walking out of step,

help us to walk as one.

Great God, within this gathering,

quell enmity and fear,

bring honesty and openness,

make understanding clear.

Great God of many gatherings,

you make your people one;

from different backgrounds, ways and lives,

our journeys have begun.

Great God, as from this gathering

we go our separate ways,

we're joined by you, we go as one

to travel all our days.

Unison Prayer of Invocation (From Nancy Townley)

**Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

A Lesson from the Hebrew Bible Psalm 8

A Lesson from the Gospels Mark 10:13-16

Sermon *“Belonging in God’s Glory”*

Hymn *“Shadow and Substance”*

Shadow and substance, wonder and mystery,

spellbinding spinner of atoms and earth;

Soul of the cosmos, person and energy,

Source of our being, we sing of your worth.

We are your image, formed in community;

sisters and brothers of Adam and Eve.

You gave us color, custom and history;

teach us to honor what others receive.

Naming the nameless, Spirit of unity,

scanning the heavens for signs of your care;

God of the ages, give us humility;

guide us to mystical union in prayer.

Prayers of the People *(sharing of joys and concerns)*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(debts and debtors)*

Invitation to Give

Offertory*“There Will Be Bread”*

There was a gathering of thousands but no food to satisfy them,

when a child was brought before the Lord with only loaves and fishes.

Though the gift appeared too little, the Lord increased it by a thousand.

As the off’ring filled the masses with the love of God among them.

*Chorus*: There will be bread for all who hunger. There will be drink for all who thirst. When we go forth and give as we’ve received, our God is come to earth. For we are bread and drink and blessing; we are hope for all the world. When we share the love that we’ve been fed, there will be bread.

We hear the empty cries of millions with no food to satisfy them,

and we ask what we alone can do; we feel so very helpless.

Though our gifts appear too little, we must have faith God will increase them,

for the God of loaves and fishes is the Lord of earth and heaven.

*Chorus*

Taste the body, drink the cup, know it is more than enough

to fill the hearts of humankind with new life.

*Chorus*

When we share the love that we’ve been fed, there will be bread.

Prayer of Dedication (Deborah Sokolove)

**Holy Giver of all that we need, you have filled our hearts with joy and our hands with overflowing abundance. With thanks and joy, we bring these gifts, offering ourselves in communion with you and with all creation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation

Consecration

Sharing Of The Bread And Cup (*“Reformation Acclamation”* from the Chimes Choir)

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Hymn  *“When Minds and Bodies Meet as One”*

When minds and bodies meet as one and find their true affinity,

we join the dance in God begun and move within the Trinity,

so praise the good that's seen and done in loving, giving unity,

revealing God, forever One, whose nature is Community.

When teamwork serves a common aim and players move in sympathy,

the flowing rhythm of the game is beauty in simplicity,

so praise the good that's seen and done in swiftly moving unity,

revealing God, forever One, whose nature is Community.

In Christ we come to break and bless the bread of new society,

created for togetherness from infinite variety,

so praise the good that's seen and done in Spirit-given unity,

revealing God, forever One, whose nature is Community.

Benediction

Postlude *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.