

# WORSHIP GUIDE



**“CONNECTION:  
LET’S WALK TOGETHER”**

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**“HOPE:  
NOT JUST WISHFUL THINKING”**

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**“AGENCY:  
FEARLESS AND FREE TO SERVE”**

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**“COHERENCE:  
THE LIFE-LEANING BOTTOM LINE”**

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**“BLESSING:  
FULLY ALIVE”**

\* worship flow inspired by *Leading Causes of Life: Five Fundamentals to Change the Way You Live Your Life* by Gary Gunderson with Larry Pray (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009)

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**New District Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries Orientation**



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**LITURGISTS: THE PEOPLE**  
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**AN OVERVIEW:**

Greetings! It is my hope that these liturgies will serve a dual purpose. They will serve as praise, prayer and reflection in this important time of preparing for the tasks that lay ahead of you in your appointments. But they could also serve as resources for your ministry in the years to come—liturgies you may employ, adapt or simply use as inspirational jumping-off points for creating devotional times at meetings, church conferences, staff or clergy retreats, among other contexts. I know that, along with the many other duties that fall to you now, you are also called upon to be spiritual leaders of rituals in ways that are different than parish ministry. You will be present with churches in some of the most exciting and difficult times of their communal lives—*sacramental* moments in the deepest sense of the word.

In worship this week, I invite you to simply open to the indwelling of God in these sacramental moments—letting the Spirit refresh and ignite you for your ministry. I was inspired by our suggested reading material, *Leading Causes of Life*, and thought that nowhere is it more appropriate to find “wonderful words (and images, sounds and action) of life” than in our worship. After you return to your communities, I hope you will pull this booklet out again and imagine how you might lead folks in opening, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to the possibilities of the Spirit and renewed life within them. **You can download the worship “scripts” (with all leader parts, rubrics and instructions) from my website (see below).**

I am thrilled to be working with my friend and colleague in worship ministry, Robert H. McMichael. I know you will appreciate the spirit of life that he brings.

Peace & Passion,  
Dr. Marcia McFee

To download worship scripts:  
Go to [www.marciamcfee.com](http://www.marciamcfee.com),  
click on “Reflections”  
and find the blog called “*Leading Causes of Life for Leaders.*”

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DS/DCM Training  
Opening Worship: Word and Table  
Monday, August 30, 2010

**CONNECTION:  
LET'S WALK TOGETHER**

"Connections are like the breath of air  
on which our very lives depend." (*Leading Causes*, 65)

**WE GATHER**

*Rehearse "I Will Take the Cup of Freedom"*

*"Victory Chant"*

*"I Love You Lord" FWS 2068*

**Setting the Theme: Leading Causes of Life**

*[word graphics "fear... scarcity... decay... decline... "Leading Causes of Death"... then*

*Video plays "Jesus Calms the Storm" followed by word graphics*

*"The key is changing the focus of the conversation from death to life. That's huge" (13)*

*What do you see?*

*What do you talk about?*

*Where do you put your energy?*

*What about your life speaks of life?*

*Will you let your passion, your call... will you let God... lure you into life?]*

**Invitation**

Let's walk together for a while...

*["take a look around - these are folks who are on this road with you..."]*

*and ask where we begin...*

*[Yes, I'm sure that's a question on everyone's mind with these new appointments!]*

*... to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in...*

*[you mean that's what this appointment is about? Supervisory? Yes. Connectional?*

*Yes. But for what? To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in]*

*... to be the hands of healing...*

*[ohhh... yeh, that... healing - even, and especially in and for the church]*

*... and to plant the seeds of peace...*

Singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here;

all are welcome in this place.

*[talk about "Leading Causes of Life"... then all sing the song]*  
*What causes the kind of life (life-work) that generates life? What kind of life creates the possibility of more life? This is far more interesting than death, which simply disrupts or breaks down. Life fills up emptiness, weaves together broken pieces, and moves simplicity toward festival. (50)*

*"Welcome" FEB, 7*

**Hymn of Preparation and Prayer**  
*"God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 577*

## **WE PROCLAIM**

### **Words of Life**

*"God reached down from on high and took hold of me; God drew me out of deep waters." Psalm 18:16*

*"Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man."  
Mark 1:41*

*[start underscore]*

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:12-13*

*"I Need You to Survive" ZSS 219  
[woven through all the readings]*

*[add another per Bishop Swanson? Or he may read his own]*

### **Sermon**

*Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.*

*[feel musical response based on sermon]*

## **WE RESPOND**

**Invitation and Prayers**  
*"Make Us One" FWS 2224*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one.  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in You.**

*[music continues to underscore]*

Leader:

Will you open yourselves to the touch of the grace of Jesus Christ  
that is always and already available here at this table?

If so, say, "Open us to your grace, Lord."

**"Open us to your grace, Lord."**

Will you open yourselves once again to the touch of the call of Jesus Christ?

If so, say, "Open us to your call, Lord."

**"Open us to your call, Lord."**

Will you open yourselves to the touch of Jesus Christ that transforms and  
renews?

If so, say, "Transform us, O Lord."

**"Transform us, O Lord."**

*[sung]*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one.  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in You.**

Leader:

As we prepare to attend the heavenly feast, we especially pray for those who  
have no earthly tables, or no place at a table, and so little daily bread.

We name people and places now...

*[underscoring stops and the people respond]*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one.  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in You.**

Let us lift up our prayers of confession...

**When we have prayed only for what was possible  
And hoped only for what we could see:**

**When we have taken your grace for granted  
And expected instant answers to immediate requests:**

**When we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into lethargy  
And waiting on the kingdom to be replaced by apathy:**

**When we have borne false witness against one another  
And clouded it with claims of righteous indignation:**

**When we have thought only of ourselves waiting on you  
And never pondered how you wait on us:**

*[music comes back in, building]*

In these times, God,  
when we fear that we are losing hope  
or feel that our efforts are futile,  
let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection.  
Let that image be the source of courage and strength.  
Let us choose connection.  
Let us choose life.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

Leader:

Hear this good news!  
God has loved you from the very beginning.  
The invitation of Christ is never-ending.  
The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

*[sung]*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one.  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in You.**

Let us embody this connection we KNOW in and through Jesus Christ.  
You are invited to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

**The Peace**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Sung:*

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, Creator of all that was,  
and is, and is to come.

You formed us in your image,  
creating all in goodness,  
asking us to walk with You in love.  
When we held back from Your invitation,  
You sought us out, time and again.

You led those who could not see by a road they did not know.  
You have turned nighttime before them into light.  
You have smoothed out the rough places and made them plain.  
You have released the prisoners from the dungeon.  
You have made all things new.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sung:*

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering , death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night he gave himself up for us, he was at the table with his  
friends.  
He invited them... and he invites us,  
to remember him whenever we break bread and share a cup.

*Sung:*

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

*Sung by Marcia and Robert as bread is raised:*

This is the bread given of the earth,  
receive of the fields, it will set you free!  
This bread of life, I will take up  
and I will call on the name of God!

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

*Sung by Marcia and Robert as cup is raised:*

This is the cup given of the earth,  
receive of the vine, it will set you free!  
This cup of freedom, I will take up  
and I will call on the name of God!

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

Presider:

When his disciples thought he was dead and gone,  
he met them and walked with them on the road to Emmaus,  
and when he broke bread with them, their eyes were opened.  
He invited them... and he invites us,  
to keep walking together and to keep offering bread for the  
freedom of all.

And so,  
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!**

*[Liturgist: "You are invited to raise your hands in the ancient Christian posture for prayer"]...*

Presider: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

*[Liturgist: "You are invited to connect with one another"]*

Presider: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen!**

*Sung:*

**I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.  
I will take the cup of freedom and call on the name of God.**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

#### **Breaking the Bread**

*[in Presider's own words, or silently]*

#### **Communion**

*"One Bread, One Body" UMH 620*

*"Breathe"*

*"Wade in the Water/I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" URW 110*

## **WE CONTINUE OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

*[extemporaneous from Bishop Swanson]*

#### **Closing Hymn**

*"We're Marching to Zion" UMH 733*

**DS/DCM Training  
Tuesday Morning Centering Time  
August 31, 2010**

**HOPE:  
NOT JUST WISHFUL THINKING**

“Informed hope is not afraid of discouraging facts... It has a way of saying, ‘Yes, these untoward events have happened, and there is no way to turn back time. But you still have a life to live. Live it!’” (129)

**Gathering**

*“In the Sanctuary” ZSS 34  
“Sanctuary” FWS*

**Invocation**

**A Visual Word**

*“The Day is Near” video  
[music for next song begins under end...]*

**Sung Response**

*“Show Me Your Ways”*

*Segue to “Ready for a Change”*

*“Salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.  
... who aren’t afraid of asking questions, pushing the envelope, questioning the way things have always been, wrestling with God, who are agitated with the way things seem to be... Hope finds roots here... in those who are ready for a change...  
GC logo... Ted’s rendition*

**Words of Life**

*“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.” Psalm 42:11*

*“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.” Psalm 31:24*

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making a home with men and women! They're God's people, and God is their Holy One and Only! God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate."

### **An Act of Imagination**

*"Jikelele" FEB, 2*

*Humans have the capacity to imagine the future, drawing us together to take risks and face dangers because hope moves us forward. "We help each other hope by stretching our imaginations about what is possible." (155) Hope held and spoken in community is not just wishful thinking, it is a bold announcement and celebration of a future in God.*

*[the people are invited to speak an "audacious" vision statement of the future, woven with "Jikelele"... ]*

### **Intercessions from the Hopeful**

Leader: How great is your faithfulness, O God.

**People: We proclaim a new hope!**

Lift us up on the wings of your Spirit,  
Through pathways that lead to your reign.  
Move us beyond the edge of our dreams.

**How great is your faithfulness, O God.**

**We proclaim a new hope!**

Sweep us forward like an ocean of truth,  
Breaking free of the power of self-interest  
Until the whole earth sings with your justice.

**How great is your faithfulness, O God.**

**We proclaim a new hope!**

Burn us clean with the fire of your love  
That we may rise up as the children of God,  
Walking bravely towards the cross of our day.

**How great is your faithfulness, O God.**

**We proclaim a new hope!**

Breathe in us the breath of your Spirit,  
That your risen life may be seen in our witness  
As we join hands with all who come seeking hope.

**How great is your faithfulness, O God.**

**We proclaim a new hope!**

**Closing Hymn**  
*"Hope of the World"*

**The Peace**

DS/DCM Training  
Wednesday Morning Centering Time  
September 1, 2010

**AGENCY:  
FEARLESS AND FREE TO SERVE**

“[Agency] transforms the aura of hope into leadership fearless enough to find light at the end of discouraging labyrinths.” (107)

**WE GATHER**

“Freedom Medley” ZSS 109-111  
 (“O Freedom,” “Freedom is Coming,” “We Are Marching”)

*[intro Marcia theme... Agency is about doing, even if it is just doing only what we can do in this moment—which doesn't feel like much sometimes. But doing will keep us alive “until the other Leading Causes of Life rise into the space created by our doing.” (104) When our purpose joins with our doing, then we have found our “calling.” - story from book “I’m Going to March”]*

**Invocation**

*[extemporaneous, non-English]*

**Words of Life**

*“The congregations that open themselves to the real needs of people stop talking at them and start talking with them—coming along beside them, becoming involved in their lives.” (54)*

*“Cuandro el Pobre (When the Poor Ones),” UMH 434  
vs. 1*

“You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” John 15: 14-16

*vs. 3,4*

**A Visual Word**  
Video "Stranger"

**A Journey of Discipleship**  
The Basin of Letting Go  
The Basin of Call  
The Basin of Agency

*[Persons are invited to write on the dissolving paper a fear or struggle that they would like to leave behind in order to answer the call of discipleship. Then they make a journey from the back to the front, leaving the paper in the first basin, touching the water and remembering their baptismal call at the second, and washing/having hands washed at the third basin]*

Music for the Journey:  
"Come to Jesus"  
"Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393  
"We Fall Down"

**Prayer**

For all who reach out to God  
**that they may find the Holy.**

For those who think they possess God,  
**that they may seek the Holy.**

For all who fear the future,  
**that they may have confidence.**

For all who have failed,  
**that they may be given new opportunities.**

For all who doubt,  
**that they may not despair.**

For all who wander aimlessly,  
**that they may find a fixed abode.**

For the lonely,  
**that they may meet another.**

For all who are constantly hungry,  
**that they may be satisfied.**

For those who have enough to eat,  
**that they may discover what it is to be hungry.**

For those for whom all goes well,  
**that they may not become hardhearted.**

For the powerful,  
**that they may be aware that they are vulnerable.**

For all who live in this world between hope and fear,  
**and for ourselves, we pray to God.**

**Free us from fear,  
and from a false sense of security,  
and give us all those things that are for our good,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
Amen.**

#### **Celebration**

*“Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone”*

#### **The Peace**

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Thursday Morning Centering Time  
September 2, 2010

## COHERENCE: THE LIFE-LEANING BOTTOM LINE

“...when coherence is abundant and clear, it is the most consistently inspiring and generative cause of life.”  
(*Leading Causes*, 97)

### Gathering

“I Love to Tell the Story” UMH 156  
“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH 600

*what is your “story?” coherence...*

### Invocation

[*extemporaneous non-English*]

### Song of Purpose

“Deep in Our Hearts” MV 154  
*vs. 1, solo*

“When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9: 1-2

*congregation joins vs. 2,3, 4*

### A Visual Word

Video “One Love” from [playingforchange.com](http://playingforchange.com)

“One love, one heart,  
let’s get together and feel alright.”  
- Bob Marley

### Invitation to Reflection

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and

recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 17-19

*When we know in our bones what we are here to be and do, we have coherence. Knowing where we belong and finding meaning in our lives gives us purpose that holds up even (and especially) in the storms of life. Jesus said he had "come to set the prisoners free." Bottom line. So if the "prisoner" in front of him was someone he wasn't "supposed to" associate with (touch, unclean) in the social norms of his day, it didn't matter because setting this person free was the bottom line. To have a life-leaning bottom line invites adaptability and choice, it doesn't restrict it. Where do we find our meaning and purpose?*

*What is your life-leaning bottom-line?  
... write your own "I Do Not Believe in the God of..." "The God I Believe in..."*

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD of the magistrates  
nor in the god of the generals or of patriotic oratory.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD of  
gloomy hymns and vacuous sermons  
nor in the god of courtrooms or  
of preambles and epilogues to eloquent speeches.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD of good fortune of the rich  
nor in the god of fear of the wealthy  
nor in the god of happiness of those who rob the people.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD of false peace  
nor in the god of justice which is not of the people  
nor in the god of venerable national traditions.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD made  
in the image and likeness of the powerful  
nor in the god invented as a sedative  
for the misery and suffering of the poor.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD who  
sleeps within church walls  
or lies hidden in church safes.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE GOD made out of lies  
as fragile as clay pots  
nor in the god of the established order  
which rests on disorder  
and acquiesces in it.

THE GOD I BELIEVE IN  
put human beings before law  
and love in place of old traditions.

He had no stone on which to lay his head  
and mixed with the poor.  
He appeared before judges  
who tried to find him guilty.  
He was seen with the police as a prisoner.  
He entered the governor's palace to be flogged.  
His tunic was woven entirely of blood.  
He had escorts to clear his way before him to Calvary,  
where he died, between thieves,  
on the cross.

THE GOD I BELIEVE IN  
Is no other than  
the son of Mary,  
Jesus of Nazareth.

Every day he dies crucified by our selfish acts.  
Every day he rises from death by the power of love.

THE GOD I BELIEVE IN calls us to...

*"Available to You"*  
*[solo, Robert]*

**Closing Song**  
*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me," FWS 2153*

**The Peace**

Closing Worship: Word and Table  
DS/DCM Training  
Friday, September 3, 2010

**BLESSING:  
FULLY ALIVE**

“Am I living so that others will feel they are blessed by my life in its wholeness, not by the stuff I give or the privileges I make possible? Have I helped them to be fully alive?” (125-126)

**WE GATHER**

*TBD songs*

**Opening Call**

“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.”

- John 1: 16

*“Love Us Into Fullness” MV 81*

**Litany**

When we need a blessing,

**draw us into your presence.**

When we wonder if we can be a blessing,

**call us into your presence.**

When we are barely hanging onto life,

**feed us by your presence.**

When we find ourselves lonely and fearful,

**gift us with your presence.**

**Response**

*“Blessed Be the God of Israel” UMH 209*

**WE PROCLAIM**

**Scripture**

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. Curses on those who drive a hard bargain! Blessings on all who play fair and square!” Proverbs 11: 24-26 (The Message)

“Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that’s your job, to bless. You’ll be a blessing and also get a blessing.” 1 Peter 3: 8-10 (The Message)

*[other as requested by Bishop Whitfield?]*

### **Sermon**

Bishop D. Max Whitfield

### **Hymn**

*“I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me” FWS 2139*

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

Come to the Lord’s Table, all who dare to choose life!  
Come to the Lord’s Table, all who need sustenance for life’s journey.  
Come to the Lord’s Table, all who desire oneness in Christ.  
Let us confess our collusion with the causes of death:

### **Confession of Sin**

Where we have turned away from connections with our neighbors,

**Forgive us.**

*[pause]*

Where our hope has been small and our convictions placid,

**Forgive us.**

*[pause]*

Where we have allowed fear to diminish our energy and agency,

**Forgive us.**

*[pause]*

It is God who is the Leading Cause of Life.  
God’s ever-flowing life-energy is already coursing through us—  
blessing, reviving and inviting us to choose life once again.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!**

**Peace**

As forgiven and freed people,  
bless each other now with signs of the peace of Jesus Christ!

*[reprise "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands..."]*

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

*"Preface" FWS 2257-a*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*"Sanctus" FWS 2257-b*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

And so,  
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*“Memorial Acclamation” FWS 2257-c*

**Liturgist:**

Please take your neighbor's hands.

**Presider:**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the blessing of the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world a blessing, the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

*“Amen” FWS 2257-d*

**Breaking the Bread**

*[words during breaking and pouring extemporaneous by Presider]*

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

*[people are invited to move to a big circle, to be served there,  
waiting to commune together]*

*“Because He Lives!”*

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Dismissal**

*Marcia*

**Benediction**

*Bishop Whitfield*

**Music for Going Out**

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"ZSS" = *Zion Still Sings*; "MV" = *More Voices*;

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“I Do Not Believe... The God I Believe in...” by Frei Betto (Brazil) in *Em Tue Gracia* (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 2006), 131-133.

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