

1. Prelude, Greetings, & Passing the Peace of Christ

2. *Gathering Music

You Raise Me Up

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary. When troubles come and my heart burdened be. Then, I am still and wait here in the silence, Until You come and sit awhile with me.

[Refrain] *You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas. I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.*

W&S 3023, Forever

1. *Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. God's love endures forever. For God is good, God is above all things. God's love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.*

2. *With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.*

[refrain] *Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, forever, forever!*

3. *From the rising to the setting sun. God's love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on. God's love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.*

W&S 3152, Welcome (v. 1)

1. *Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be- the hands of healing and to plant the seed 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.*

3. *Call to Worship

L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

P: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

L: We struggle and worry.

P: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

L: Listen for God's call to you.

P: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.

4. Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly.

Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently.

Beloved Ones, we are the salty people who bring flavor to living. Our spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Let us remember that the Lord is always with us. AMEN.

5. *Hymn

UMH 583, *Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)*

1. *You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.*

[refrain] *Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."*

2. *You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hop, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole word through valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friend that I chose for myself, the work that I want to proclaim/ You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign [refrain].*

3. *You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might;' may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God [refrain].*

6. Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

James 3:1-12

1. Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.



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8. Table Discussion

- a. What were the most positive words you heard about yourself and you said about others?
- b. What words of Jesus, God, or from the Bible have impacted you the most? Why? What is your life verse?
- c. Which sequence makes most sense to you? Why? Examples? (Choose one as a group)
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9. Hymn

TFWS 2002, *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

I will call upon the Lord. Who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. The Lord liveth. And blessed be my Rock. And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

10. *Offering

UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

11. *Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. Amen.

12. Prayer Concerns

*“Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**”*

13. *Form a circle

W&S 3154, *Draw the Circle*

*Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide (x2).
No one stands alone. We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.*

14. Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer


15. *Benediction & Postlude



**September 29, 2024
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**


430 Walnut St.
Newtonville, MA 02460
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