



Living Life in the Spirit
Holy Communion Sunday
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God the Holy Spirit is present in this place;

All: Welcome, Living Water of the Spirit.

May the cleansing of your clear presence refresh our souls.

Leader: God the Holy Spirit is present in this place;

All: Welcome, Mighty Wind of the Spirit.

May the breath of your enlivening presence awaken us.

Leader: God the Holy Spirit is present in this place;

All: Welcome, Blazing Fire of the Spirit.

May the light of your bright presence reveal to us your truth that we may be born again.

OPENING HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* *UMH #581*

THE BASKET

LISTENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, as we read and meditate on the Scriptures, may they be for us a word of God. Please teach us the joy of improvisational living that puts people before legality, and give us the courage to cross whatever lines we must, to fulfil the law of love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:23-3:6 Common English Bible

Jesus went through the wheat fields on the Sabbath. As the disciples made their way, they were picking the heads of wheat. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Why are they breaking the Sabbath law?"

He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he was in need, when he and those with him were hungry? During the time when Abiathar was high priest, David went into God's house and ate the bread of the presence, which only

the priests were allowed to eat. He also gave bread to those who were with him.” Then he said, “The Sabbath was created for humans; humans weren’t created for the Sabbath. This is why the Human One is Lord even over the Sabbath.” Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step up where people can see you.” Then he said to them, “Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they said nothing. Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he did, and his hand was made healthy. At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.

MESSAGE *Living Life in the Spirit: Spirited Improv*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *One Bread, One Body*

UMH #620

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we remember when rules have blinded us to their destructive influence on our relationships.

ALL: We breathe in the forgiving breath of Life, and we release our grip on always wanting to be right.

When our obsession with righteousness has designated who is in and who is out.

All: We breathe in the inclusive breath of Life, and we release our control over who deserves love and grace.

We remember that to some people we may not fit into their boxes, we may not be the insiders, we may not seem deserving of love and grace.

All: Thank you that within your family, God, we are all God-imaged, beloved, and accepted, that you love our diversity and you encourage our uniqueness. God, we recognize that our need for control can be hurtful, dehumanizing, and destructive. Forgive us when we lose sight of each other’s humanity, of the Earth’s heartbeat, and of our own need for rhythms of rest and rejuvenation. God, thank you for opening our eyes again to your

simplicity, opening our ears to your voice, and opening our minds to your truth. We carry you with us into the rest of the day, remembering that the same breath that is within us, is within everyone around us and that we are all connected. Amen.

Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Setting *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of the Dance verses 1-3

UMH #261

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship
with food and conversation in fellowship hall***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS June 3-9, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 3rd - 9th

Monday June 3rd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday June 4th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday June 5th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm BYO Lunch

The Short Stories of Jesus

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Thursday June 6th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday June 7th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

First Friday Fun and Fellowship Theme Jeopardy @ 12pm BYO Lunch

Sunday June 9th

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

Choral Concert

The **New Jersey Choral Society** is presenting, “**Gloryland**” which features American songs from the traditions of Spirituals, Gospel and the Sacred Harp. The performance is **Saturday, June 8th at 7:30** at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **Please see Lyn Sentkowski for tickets.**

First Friday June 7th!

We will be enjoying some June Jeopardy fun. 12 pm meeting in Fellowship Hall, BYO lunch and beverage.

Questions to ponder this week

Jesus said, “The sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even over the sabbath” (Mark 2:27-28).

How do you interpret these words and apply them to your life?

In what ways does Jesus seem to disregard or break the law in his ministry, especially to the most vulnerable and marginalized people of his time?

How do you feel about these accounts of Jesus crossing legal lines?

The line Jesus refused to cross—even in death—was

the universal requirement to love wholeheartedly.
How can you ensure that you wholeheartedly fulfil the 'law of love'
for God and people in your life?

How can the Spirit's wisdom, strength, and presence help you to discern how
best to respond to life's complexities, without hiding behind rigid legalism?

How can the Spirit empower you to navigate
the messiness and unpredictability of love?

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