

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father:

Concluding Prayer

Generous God,
We walk down from the hills. Renewed by our prayer time with Jesus, we walk into the traffic of everyday life once again. But we walk in thanksgiving that you have been with us. We walk in trust that God is with us now. We walk in hope that God's Spirit will always be with us to guide us.

May we leave our worship here with the blessings of God and each other upon us.

All: Amen



Alive in the Spirit

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Opening Prayer/Liturgy

Opening Song

You are the Way

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Chorus

**You are the Way,
You are the Truth**

**You are the life, my salvation
You are the Way, You are the Truth,
You are the Life, the gateway to my soul.**

1. We come together now,
we celebrate and shout,
for you have shown the way.
We lift our voices high,
We sing, we dance, we cry:
"You are the only way!"

2. In a world that's moving fast,
we seek what will not last.
We miss the narrow road.
But when we look inside ourselves,
We find that no one else
But you can make us whole

3. If we ask you shall receive,
If we seek then you shall find.
Knock, and gates will be opened wide,
For a mighty God has done great things for you!

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we lay aside all worldly cares to climb up a hillside on the shore of Galilee to pray with Jesus awhile. We leave below the strains and stresses of our work life and home life to gain perspective, to renew our vision. The problems that bother us have to be understood against the background of goodness. Sometimes we lose sight of the goodness of life because of these problems. Please bless us as we go up now that hillside to walk and pray with Jesus to gain perspective again. We ask this through Jesus Christ your son. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading 2 Cor. 4: 6-10

It is our God who said, "Let light out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Litany

Response:

Spirit of Hope,
Come to sustain us;
Spirit of Christ,
Life up our hearts.

1. Our progress is slow. At first we expect great things and then we learn to appreciate small steps forward. **Response**
2. Difficulties and adversity make our work feel frustrating. But trusting in you, we are willing to journey through the struggle. **Response**
3. There is no blueprint, no neat solution yet in the messiness, we learn to see Your hand. **Response**
4. It is complicated when people are so different in their approaches. We need to trust each other when conflict approaches and celebrate our successes when we achieve them. **Response**
5. In the pain of failure, Jesus touches our hearts. He whose dying was the seed of new life inspires us to envision new beginnings. **Response.**

All Amen