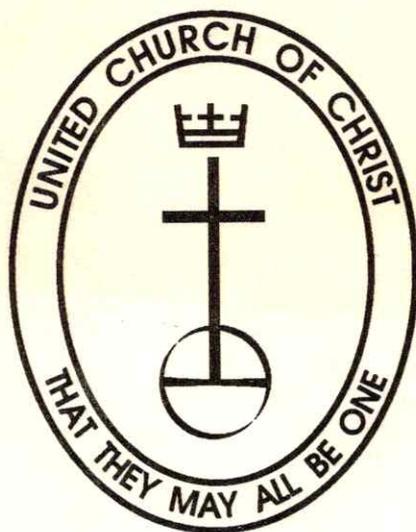


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Worship Book



CALL TO WORSHIP

(Let us join together in the Call to Worship saying):

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself; not counting their sins against them and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.

2 Cor 5:19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Let us join together in confessing our sins before God saying):

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. AMEN

Matthew 22: 34-40



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTOR: Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

He Personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

If anyone is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether - the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

PASTOR: Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Confession of Faith:

This is the Good News which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, that He was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. AMEN

(Adapted from the Confession of St. Paul, I Corinthian 15:1-11
and the Confession of St. Peter, Matthew 16: 15-16)



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.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN

Matthew 6:9-13

Benediction:

Peace I leave with you, my friends, my peace I give unto you, not as the world gives give I unto you, so that your joy be forever full.

Be strong and be of good courage, fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forevermore. AMEN

(Adapted from John 14:27, John 15:11 and 2 Timothy 4:7)

Sacrament Of Baptism

PASTOR: HEAR THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:

“ ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE CLOSE OF THE AGE.” *Matthew 28:18-20*

OBEYING THE WORD OF OUR LORD JESUS, AND SURE OF HIS PRESENCE WITH US, WE BAPTISE THOSE WHOM HE HAS CALLED TO BE HIS OWN.

FRIEND: IN PRESENTING YOURSELF FOR BAPTISM, YOU ANNOUNCE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, AND SHOW THAT YOU WANT TO STUDY HIM, KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, AND SERVE HIM AS HIS CHOSEN DISCIPLE.

OR,

FRIEND: IN PRESENTING YOUR CHILD FOR BAPTISM, YOU ANNOUNCE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, AND SHOW THAT YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO STUDY HIM, KNOWN HIM, LOVE HIM AND SERVE HIM AS HIS CHOSEN DISCIPLE.

AND,

PASTOR: DO YOU ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

NEW MEMBER OR PARENT: I DO.

PASTOR: DO YOU TRUST IN HIM?

NEW MEMBER OR PARENT: I DO.

PASTOR: DO YOU PROMISE TO RAISE YOUR CHILD IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF THE LORD?

PARENT: I DO.

(If the candidate for baptism is to be received as a communicant member of the church, the minister shall ask this additional question).

PASTOR: WILL YOU BE A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, GIVING YOURSELF IN EVERY WAY, AND WILL YOU SEEK THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH WHEREVER YOU MAY BE?

NEW MEMBER: I WILL

Let the people stand

PASTOR: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ORDERED US TO TEACH THOSE WHO ARE BAPTIZED. IN RECEIVING THIS CHILD INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, DO YOU THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH PROMISE TO RAISE THIS CHILD IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF THE LORD?

THE PEOPLE: WE DO.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY

GOD OUR FATHER WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS, PROMISED IN THIS SACRAMENT, AND FOR THE HOPE WE HAVE IN YOUR SON JESUS. AS WE BAPTIZE WITH WATER, BAPTIZE US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT WHAT WE SAY MAY BE YOUR WORD AND WHAT WE DO MAY BE YOUR WORK. BY YOUR POWER, MAY WE BE MADE ONE WITH CHRIST OUR LORD IN COMMON FAITH AND PURPOSE.

THE PASTOR AND THE PEOPLE: O GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE; WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU, AND, WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL AGES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Let the people be seated

PASTOR: WHAT IS YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTIAN NAME?

(child's name), I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

LET US NOW PRESENT THIS CHILD IN CHRIST TO THE LORD.

(Pastor takes the baby to the altar for presentation to the Lord)

PASTOR: THIS CHILD OF GOD IS NOW RECEIVED INTO THE ONE HOLY UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SEE WHAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US. THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE.

1 John 3:1

LET US PRAY (Pastor & People)

GOD OUR FATHER, WE PRAISE YOU FOR CALLING US TO BE YOUR CHILDREN AND FOR GATHERING US INTO THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH. TOGETHER, MAY WE LIVE IN YOUR SPIRIT AND SO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, THAT WE MAY BE "FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY" OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, TO WHOM WE GIVE HONOR AND GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.



Order for Confirmation

“Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them: they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8: 14-17

Confirmands Stand

PASTOR TO CONFIRMANDS: You have successfully completed a year of study, passed the oral examination AND presented a written statement of faith for confirmation as required for confirmands and administered by the Council of this Church. You now present yourself to be received into the life of this church as a member.

PASTOR: Do you Accept Christ as Your Lord and Savior?

(Confirmands shall answer) I do.

PASTOR: Do you promise in accordance with your conscience to be faithful in your attendance at worship and participate and support the life, mission, and ministry of the church?

CONFIRMAND: I do.

PASTOR: Will the congregation please stand.

PASTOR: Do you as members of the congregation of United Evangelical United Church of Christ receive these confirmands into membership in this church?

(Congregation will answer) We do.

PASTOR: All will be seated.

What is your Christian Name? Confirmands kneel.

Pastor and Council Members Lay Hands on the Confirmand.
Council member will pray for the Confirmand.

PASTOR: We lay our hands upon you now and receive you into membership in this household of faith as a “follower of the way of Jesus” and we do this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Council will present the Bibles to each member of the Confirmation Class of _____ and welcome them on behalf of the congregation.

PASTOR: “See what love the FATHER has given us, that we should be called the children of God and that is what we are.”

I John 3:1

United Evangelical Church

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PASTOR: FRIENDS, THIS IS THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE: PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND FROM NORTH AND SOUTH, AND SIT AT THE TABLE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

PASTOR: THIS IS THE LORD'S TABLE, OUR SAVIOR INVITES THOSE WHO TRUST HIM TO SHARE THE FEAST WHICH HE HAS PREPARED. ACCORDING TO LUKE, WHEN OUR RISEN LORD WAS AT THE TABLE WITH HIS DISCIPLES, HE TOOK THE BREAD AND BLESSED AND BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THEM, AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM.

LET US PRAY:

PASTOR: HOLY LORD, FATHER ALMIGHTY, EVERLASTING GOD. GREAT AND WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, YOUR WAYS ARE JUST AND TRUE. WITH PEOPLE OF FAITH FROM ALL TIMES AND PLACES, WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN JOYFUL PRAISE, FOR YOU ALONE ARE HOLY.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.
GOD OF POWER AND MAJESTY
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
O GOD MOST HIGH.

PASTOR: HOLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS WHO LIVED WITH US SHARING JOY AND SORROW. HE TOLD YOUR STORY, HEALED THE SICK AND WAS A FRIEND OF SINNERS. OBEYING YOU, HE TOOK UP HIS CROSS AND WAS MURDERED BY THOSE HE LOVED. WE PRAISE YOU THAT HE IS NOT DEAD, BUT IS RISEN TO RULE THE WORLD; AND THAT HE IS STILL THE FRIEND OF SINNERS. WE TRUST HIM TO OVERCOME EVERY POWER TO HURT OR DIVIDE US, SO THAT, WHEN YOU BRING IN YOUR PROMISED KINGDOM, WE WILL CELEBRATE VICTORY WITH HIM.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE: REMEMBERING THE LORD JESUS, WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE ONE CUP, ANNOUNCING HIS DEATH FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, AND TELLING HIS RESURRECTION TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN AND NATIONS.

PASTOR: GREAT GOD, GIVE US YOUR HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SO THAT WE MAY BE DRAWN TOGETHER AND, JOINED TO CHRIST THE LORD, RECEIVE NEW LIFE, AND REMAIN HIS GLAD AND FAITHFUL PEOPLE UNTIL WE FEAST WITH HIM IN GLORY.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE: O GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE, WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU; AND WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL THE AGES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Council members come forward to prepare the table. Acolytes and Pastor prepare the altar.)

PASTOR: THE LORD JESUS, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS ARREST, TOOK BREAD, AND AFTER GIVING THANKS TO GOD, BROKE IT AND SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU, DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

LIKEWISE AFTER THE SAME MANNER, HE TOOK THE CUP AND SAID, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, DO THIS REMEMBERING ME."

EVERY TIME YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE DEATH OF THE LORD, UNTIL HE COMES. LORD, WE ARE NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, ONLY SAY THE WORD AND WE SHALL BE HEALED.

COME, THE TABLE IS PREPARED. ALL IS READY.
LET THE FEAST BEGIN.

(Council members bring the people forward to receive the Sacrament).
(Pastor and assistants serve disabled persons on front row).

Pastor may say the comforting words of the Assurance of Pardon or Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never thirst."

(Council members receive the Sacrament, then remove the kneeling cushions and rail and return to their places. Acolytes, Parish Assistant, and Pastor receive the Sacrament.)

PASTOR: THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL. AMEN.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE: GOD, OUR HELP, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS SUPPER SHARED IN THE SPIRIT WITH YOUR SON JESUS, WHO MAKES US NEW AND STRONG, WHO BRINGS US LIFE ETERNAL. WE PRAISE YOU FOR GIVING US ALL GOOD GIFTS IN HIM, AND PLEDGE OURSELVES TO SERVE YOU EVEN AS IN CHRIST YOU SERVED US. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND BLESSING



With Broken Bread In Our Hands

Inspired by St. Augustine

Weston Priory



With bro - ken bread in our hands, your



word a fire in our hearts, we now pro -



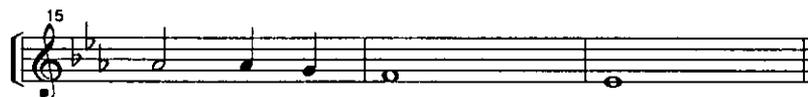
claim our own mys - ter - y:



in this jour - ney from death in -



to your new life, we are your



bread, we your bo - - - dy.



1. Seed of our long - ing, scat - tered in hope,
2. "All who are thirst - y, draw near to me.
3. "Each time you gath - er, re - mem - ber me.
4. One is the bread which, for oth - ers, we break.
5. We are your bread now, we are your wine.



plan - ted in our earth, bear us new life.
All who know hun - ger, take now and eat. I
I, who am least of all, come, fol - low me. As
One is our bless - ing cup, poured out in thanks.
We bear your Spir - it, breath of your life.



Bread of God's fu - ture, wine of our free - dom,
prom - ise to give you, deep in your heart,
bread for your jour - ney, I'll be where I pro - mised:
We from so man - y ra - ces and lands
Send us with peace now, give us your cour - age,



Je - sus Com - pan - ion, be at our side.
foun - tains of wa - ter, Spir - it of love."
a - mong the low - ly, Em - man - u - el."
form but one Bo - dy, sing but one song.
make us your jus - tice, light of your light.

Order of Service for The Reception of New Members

Reception of Members into The Household of Faith

PASTOR CALLS FORWARD, BY NAME, ALL WHO WISH TO BECOME NEW MEMBERS.

PASTOR: HEAR THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST;

“ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE CLOSE OF THE AGE.”

Matthew 28:18-20

OBEYING THE WORD OF OUR LORD JESUS, AND SURE OF HIS PRESENCE WITH US, WE RECEIVE THOSE WHOM HE HAS CALLED TO BE HIS OWN.

FRIEND(S), IN PRESENTING YOURSELF FOR MEMBERSHIP, YOU ANNOUNCE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, AND SHOW THAT YOU WANT TO STUDY HIM, KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, AND SERVE HIM AS HIS CHOSEN DISCIPLE.

PASTOR: DO YOU ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

NEW MEMBER: I DO!

PASTOR: DO YOU TRUST IN HIM?

NEW MEMBER: I DO!

PASTOR: WILL YOU BE A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, GIVING OF YOURSELF IN EVERY WAY, AND WILL YOU SEEK THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH WHEREVER YOU MAY BE?

NEW MEMBER: I WILL!

Let the people stand. Members of the Council will come forward and stand behind the new member(s).

PASTOR: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ORDERED US TO TEACH THOSE WHO ARE BAPTIZED. IN RECEIVING THESE/THESE NEW MEMBER(S) INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, DO YOU THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH PROMISE TO HELP HIM/HER (THEM) GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF THE LORD?

THE PEOPLE: WE DO!

THE PASTOR AND THE PEOPLE:

O GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE; WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU, AND, WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL AGES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN!

Members of the Council place their hands on the shoulders of the new members.

PASTOR: MOST GRACIOUS GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR TENDER LOVE IN SENDING JESUS CHRIST TO COME AMONG US, TO BE BORN OF A HUMAN MOTHER, AND TO MAKE THE WAY OF THE CROSS TO BE OUR WAY OF LIFE. POUR OUT THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR BLESSING UPON THEM. DEFEND THEM FROM EVERY ENEMY. LEAD THEM INTO ALL PEACE. LET THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR EACH OF US AS MEMBERS OF THEIR SPIRITUAL FAMILY BE A SEAL UPON THEIR HEARTS, A MANTLE ABOUT THEIR SHOULDERS, AND A CROWN UPON THEIR FOREHEADS. BLESS THEM IN THEIR WORK AMONG US, IN THEIR COMPANIONSHIP, IN THEIR SLEEPING, AND IN THEIR WAKING; IN THEIR JOYS AND IN THEIR SORROWS, IN THEIR LIFE AND IN THEIR DEATH. FINALLY IN YOUR MERCY, BRING THEM TO THAT TABLE WHERE YOUR SAINTS FEAST FOREVER IN YOUR HEAVENLY HOME; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES AND REIGNS, ONE GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN!

PASTOR: THIS (THESE) PERSON (PERSONS) ARE NOW RECEIVED INTO THE ONE HOLY UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SEE WHAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD; AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE!

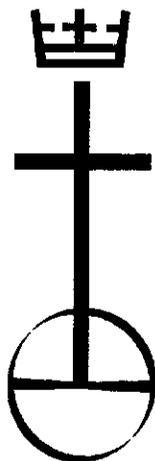
1 John 3:1

Members of the Council and the Pastor offer the new member(s) the right hand of fellowship and on behalf of the people welcome them into the church. The President of the Church Council presents the certificates of membership and envelopes to each new member.

PASTOR TO ALL PRESENT:

GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS, PRESERVE, AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MERCIFULLY WITH HIS FAVOR LOOK UPON YOU, AND FILL YOU WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BENEDICTION AND GRACE; THAT AS MEMBERS OF THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY, YOU MAY FAITHFULLY LIVE TOGETHER IN THIS LIFE, AND IN THE AGE TO COME HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN!

New members return to their pews.



LITANY OF HEALING

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Leader. God the Father, Your will for all people is health and salvation;

People. We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Leader. God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People. We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Leader. God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People. We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Leader. Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being:

People. We praise You and thank You, O Lord.

Leader. Lord, grant Your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole:

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence:

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit:

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience:

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader. You are the Lord who does wonders;

People. You have declared Your power among the peoples.

Leader. With You, O Lord, is the well of life;

People. And in Your light we see light.

Leader. Hear us, O Lord of life:

People. Heal us, and make us whole.

Leader. Let us pray:

PRAYER 1.

Almighty God, Giver of life and health: Send Your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

AMEN

PRAYER 2.

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

PRAYER 3.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN

COMMISSIONING OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PASTOR: There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God,

PEOPLE: but it is the same Lord who is served.

PASTOR: God works through different people in different ways,

PEOPLE: but it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all.

PASTOR: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

PEOPLE: To use it for the common good.

PASTOR: Together we are the body of Christ, "followers of the Way,"

PEOPLE: And individually members of Him.

PASTOR: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make His church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As "followers of the Way" some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, members of the Council, Parish Visitors and leaders in our group and social ministry. Jesus told us that "whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all."

PEOPLE: Just as the son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

PASTOR: And now speaking for the people of this church, I bring to you the following persons to be commissioned as members of the Council for a term of two years:

God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ as a member of our Church Council. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen. Will you now be a faithful Council member, watching over the people, providing for their worship and instruction, be diligent in the administration of church property, be responsible for the financial leadership, and be faithful in making policy for this church? Will you be guided by the Holy Spirit and try to show in all your life the life and justice of Jesus Christ?

OFFICERS: I will.

PASTOR: Do you, members of the church accept these persons chosen by God through the voice of this people, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow them as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?

PEOPLE: We do!

And speaking for the Council I come now to install the following officers of the Council for _____:

President _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Financial Secretary _____

PASTOR: Do you welcome the work for which you have been chosen, and will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in his promises through Jesus Christ our Lord?

OFFICERS: I do and I will.

PASTOR: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for those whom you have called today to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work: and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE MINISTRY!



LOVE GIFTS

A long standing tradition at United has been to make love gifts as expressions of appreciation for the life and work of family members, members of the church, or in support of the mission of our community of faith. Inquirers have asked the Council how they can make these gifts and what kinds of gifts might be acceptable. This booklet will provide some direction for giving.

Should you wish to make a love gift, please call our church office at 276-0393 and speak with the Church Secretary. She will take down the information so that the gift can be listed in the church bulletin at your request. Some persons have asked for suggestions as to kinds of gifts which could be appropriate. Some gifts have a specific cost but most depend on the giver. For your information, we have listed some of these below.

THE UNITY CANDLE

Unity is the Community of Faith - to celebrate the anniversary date of your baptism or the unity of your family or household in the family of the church, you can request the lighting of the unity candle in a Service of Worship. The donation for lighting the candle ranges between \$10.00 and \$25.00.

Anniversary of a Marriage or Reaffirmation of Vows - to celebrate the anniversary date of your marriage or the reaffirmation of vows, you may request the lighting of the unity candle in a service of worship.

For those who have been married in the church in the previous week, the Unity Candle will be lighted on the succeeding Sunday in Celebration of the Wedding.

Often key members of families are remembered at this time including Grandmothers and Grandfathers, Aunts, Uncles, Mothers, Fathers, Sons and Daughters.

MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTES

Each year a Mother-Daughter banquet is held prior to Mother's Day and a special Mother's Day Memorial Bulletin is published to honor living mothers and to remember the love of mothers who have been called to the eternal life. These names are remembered on Mother's Day with Special Prayers.

REMEMBERING FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY

A special Father's Day Memorial Bulletin is published each year to honor living fathers and to remember the love of Fathers who have been called to the eternal life. These names are remembered on Father's Day with Special Prayers.

TOTENFEST OR ALL SAINTS DAY

Each fall we remember those loved ones who have died. Those who wish to leave a memorial may contact the office to have the loved ones listed in the memorial book.

MEMORIAL BOARD

In the Narthex of the Church is a Memorial Board for the Remembrance of those who have been called to their eternal life. Persons who wish to have a loved one remembered may give a donation to the church to permanently affix the name to this memorial board.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea from henceforth saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

The ongoing life of the church depends on contributions of members to the capital improvement of the buildings. One way of insuring building improvements and maintenance (repair or replacement of a boiler or roof) and that the mission of this great church will continue is to remember the church in your will. Should you need assistance in this matter, please call the church office and arrange a meeting with the Pastor or the President of the Council.

Here is a man who was born of Jewish parents in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book, He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying., and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend....

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully and profoundly as has that One Solitary Life....

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