

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 1 Peter 3:8

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of love, we gather in this place today.

We come from different homes, different streets and towns, different families, united in our love for you, called to be disciples, called to work together as friends.

**All: Lord, may we make room in our worship,
and in our lives for the needs of friend and even foe.
May we experience the love that heralds
the coming of your Kingdom.**

+HYMN 749: WE ARE CALLED

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In humility and faith, and in silence,
let us confess our sins before God.

~ *silence* ~

One: Lord Jesus, you were a friend to everyone you met.
You travelled with friends, you prayed with friends, you invited people to be your friend, but more than that, you call all who follow you brother and sister.

**All: We do not always treat each other as friends, we do not listen, or journey, even with those we call friends.
Forgive us when we put our needs and desires before our friend's, or yours.
Guide us by your Holy Spirit.
Teach us to be true friends to the men and women we meet, and to anyone in need.**

+KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: Kyrie eleison.

Cantor: Christe eleison, (*Christ, have mercy.*)

All: Christe eleison.

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: Kyrie eleison.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Jesus, in the coming weeks as you draw nearer to Jerusalem, may we draw closer to you.

All: Draw us out of darkness into the light of your mercy and forgiveness, living each day in full trust and obedience, holding each other in love's warm embrace.

One: Listen to Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid, I love you, I give you my peace which no one can take from you." Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

+OUR GOD IS A GOD WHO MAKES FRIENDS Bryan Moyer Suderman

**All sing: Our God is a God who makes friends,
(twice) our God is a God who makes friends,
our God is a God who is faithful to the end;
our God is a God who makes friends.**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Our God is a God who makes friends" in G major, 4/4 time. The score is written on three staves of music. The lyrics are: "Our God is a God who makes friends, our God is a God who makes friends, our God is a God who is faithful to the end; our God is a God who makes friends." The chords indicated above the notes are: D, Em7/D, A/C#, A7, D, D, D7/C, G/B, Gmin6/Bb, D/A, A7, and D.

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

OUR GOD IS A GOD WHO MAKES FRIENDS Bryan Moyer Suderman

**All sing: Our God calls us all to make friends,
our God calls us all to make friends.**

**Yes, you as well as I, we're the very ones God sends.
Our God calls us all to make friends.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "You've Got a Friend in Me" Randy Newman

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:17-26

MESSAGE "We philia your pain." Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 465: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *A Touching Place* tune: Scottish Trad; JL Bell

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO

+HYMN 300: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

NURSERY CARE is provided during all worship services. Infants and pre-kindergarten children are welcomed there by our trained staff.

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