

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: This is a place of thanksgiving.

All: We rejoice that we are here!

One: This is a time to bring praise and prayer to God.

All: We rejoice in the opportunity for worship.

One: These are the friends who have become our church family.

All: We rejoice that they are persons to trust and support.

One: We have come to meet Christ, who leads and challenges us.

All: We rejoice in the inspiration that has always been there for us and always will be.

One: Let us worship God.

Music:

“Jesus Loves Me”

VU #365

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,

wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. R

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: John 1: 14-18

Focus on the Word

Music: "Here, O My Lord" VU #459, vvs 1-3

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: and joining your unending hymn:

Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Prayer After Communion

Affirmation:

One: We go from here a hopeful people, for God goes with us.

**All: In times of trouble, God will support us;
in times of weakness, God will be our strength;
in times of doubt, God will give us direction;
in times of loneliness, God will touch us with the
friendship of others;
in times of sadness, God will embrace us with love.**

One: Nothing can destroy your hopes!

All: In the power and love of God, Amen.

Music: "Here, O My Lord" VU #459, vvs 4-5

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.