

Welcome and Announcement

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing when instructed

Give thanks, with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we're given, Jesus Christ, Your Son. (repeat)

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done for us."

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done for us." Give thanks.

Lector: We gather for worship this morning to give thanks through our challenges and opportunities, and for our journey in recovery.

Congregation: **We are celebrating the gifts we share with our church.**

Lector: We give thanks for life and the purpose only we can serve in our families, in this congregation, and in the world.

Congregation: **Help us to reflect on the awesome wonder of how our individual gifts combine with others to fulfill the mission of our church.**

Lector: Let us seek new ways to use our body, mind, and spirit to serve this community and, by extension, countless other souls...

Congregation: **...thereby fulfilling God's call to Stewardship.**

Lector: We gather this morning, as we prepare spiritually for our congregational meeting, and our week ahead. To be open to hearing the voice of God, and to discern the will of God.

Congregation: **We gather this morning to worship. Amen.**

Opening Song
"The Recovery Hymn"
See next page for lyrics

Out of the Box Moment
Scripture Reading
Philippians 4:1-13
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Gathering Song: Featuring Justin Ryan

Sermon: "Be Thankful for the Gift of Recovery"
Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection: Featuring Justin Ryan

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the sharing of a common life is like to that above. Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

(Join us in signing when instructed)

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear. When we are called to part
it gives us inward pain, But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

Lord's Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

We Give You But Your Own, Whate'er The Gift May Be;
All That We Have Is Yours Alone, We Give It Gratefully.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving
The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

May we never take this Holy Communion, or this community for granted, as we sing,

Join us in singing

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Words of Institution

Celebrant: The time was early evening, the place a room upstairs; The guests were the disciples, few in number and few in prayers.

REFRAIN: Oh, the food comes from the baker, the drink comes from the vine, the words come from the Savior, "I will meet you in bread and wine."

Celebrant: The company of Jesus had met to share a meal. But he, who made them welcome, had much more to reveal.
(REFRAIN)

Celebrant: "The bread and body broken the wine and blood outpoured, the cross and kitchen table are one by my sign and word.
(REFRAIN)

Celebrant: On both sides of the table, on both sides of the grave, the Lord joins those who love him to serve them and to save.
(REFRAIN)

Celebrant: Oh, Jesus, now among us, confirm our faith's intent, as, with your words and actions, we unite in this sacrament.
(REFRAIN)

Celebrant: And so...
This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!
Prayer of Consecration
Thanksgiving and Prayer of Sending Forth

Closing Song
"I Need You Every Hour"
See next page for lyrics

Benediction

Lyrics

"The Recovery Hymn"

Lyrics by Rev. Nancy Wilson
(Melody is "In The Midst Of New Dimensions," NCH #391)

Courage, Wisdom, Joy And Freedom Are The Gifts Of This New Way.
Earnestly We Search For Wholeness Learning To Let Go Each Day.

God, You Are Our Best Companion As We Gain Sobriety
For Ourselves And For Each Other By Your Power Are You Healing Our Community!

Turn It Over! That's Our Struggle To Embrace This Narrow Way:
As We Deal With Fear And Anger As We Learn Again...To... Pray.

Help Us Face Our Needs And Longings! Let Each Day Begin To Be
An Amazing New Adventure Of The Spirit's Daring, Gracious Opportunity.

Jesus Did You Ever Wonder Why We Fall In Wells Of Death?
Did You Mean For Us To Suffer Waiting For Our Fin-al...Breath?

God, Instead You Came To Rescue Daily, Or At Sabbath's Hour,
Us From Hell, From Pain And Anguish Into Your Eternal, Loving Everlasting Power.

Thank You For The New Awareness Conscious Living Does Provide.
Thank You For The Peace We Witness As The Pain And Hell Subside.

Thank You For The Joy Of Growing As We Trust You More To Be
Higher Power For Our Journey Our New Hope, Our Friend And Healer,
Our Serenity.

"I Need You Every Hour"

I Need You Every Hour, O God Of Grace;
The Peace Your Voice Affords, I Now Embrace.

I Need You, How I Need You! Every Hour I Need You;
O Bless Me Now, My Savior; I Come To You.

I Need You Every Hour, In Faith Or Fear;
Temptations Lose Their Power When You Are Near.

I Need You, How I Need You! Every Hour I Need You;
O Bless Me Now, My Savior; I Come To You.

I Need You Every Hour; Teach Me Your Will,
And Your Rich Promises In Me Fulfill.

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O Bless Me Now, My Savior; I Come To You.

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-13

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in our God in this way, my beloved.² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.¹⁰ I rejoice in our God greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it.¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need.¹³ I can do all things through the One who strengthens me.