

# >>> Recipe for Life <<<

Begin with a case of Joy  
Add a heaping spoonful of Gratitude  
Fold in a large dollop of Kindness  
Stir in a handful of Forgiveness  
Sprinkle liberally with Love  
Cover with Peace  
Serve with a large side of Faith

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Worship Service



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# The Worship of God

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Lay Leader: Jane Adams

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....



*As we gather in this sacred moment, for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together. As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us fully enjoy this time of celebrating life! Let us give thanks for every opportunity we have to worship our God.*

*Have you ever noticed that these days, we are spending less time in the kitchen than ever, and certainly not the 30 hours per week that grandma spent toiling over a hot stove? But we also are spending huge sums of money on kitchen gadgets which we seldom use. This seems crazy, which is also what many of Jesus' listeners said when he started talking about eating and drinking – his flesh! At this point, they got out of the kitchen fast!*

## Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

L: If you thirst for more than tears, come,

**P: *And the Lord our God will give you drink.***

L: If you hunger for more than ashes, come,

**P: *And the Lord our God will give you bread.***

**A: *Let us sip together the wine of the Kingdom, and the realm of God shall appear in our midst.  
Let us taste together the manna of heaven, and the reign of God shall fill the earth.***

\*Hymn of Praise

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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*O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright;  
On you, the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined in tune,  
Sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.*

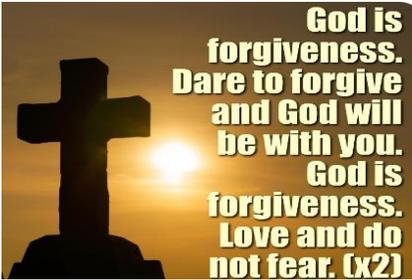
*On you, at earth's creation,  
The light first had its birth;  
On you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On you, our Lord victorious,  
Sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious,  
A Triple light was given.*

*On you, God's people, meeting,  
The Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting,  
Through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining  
From this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining  
To spirits of the blest.*

### Prayer of Confession

***O Lord, we have lived as unwise people. Forgive us for wasting time which is a gift from you. We have been foolish. Forgive us for not understanding your will. We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness; forgive us for not being filled with you. O triune God of grace, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your Bread of Heaven, and please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our sins. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.***

### Assurance of Pardon



- L:** Hear the Good News: The Lord is gracious to us and gentle, healing our souls with love, and providing spiritual food for all who are hungry.
- P:** ***Our Lord is merciful, healing our hearts and feeding our souls by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.***
- L:** Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –
- P:** ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

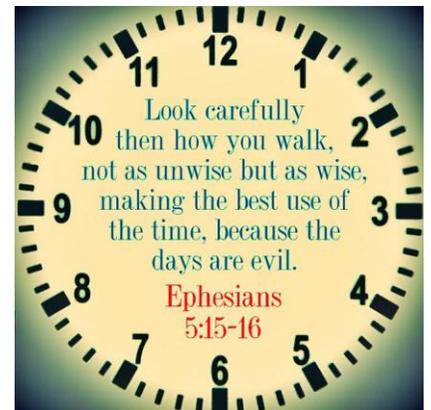
## Meeting God in the Word

### Children's Message

#### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** *Ephesians 5: 15 – 20 Choose How to Live Wisely*

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Lesson***John 6: 51 – 58**A Living Sacrifice*

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'*

*The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.'*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon***God's Recipe for Everlasting Life***Responding to the Word****\*Hymn***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
From the blest bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good,  
To them that find thee, all in all.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

*Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright.  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

**\*Litany**

- L: O God, this age in which we live – oh, how we wonder how two sets of eyes can look at the same world, and one regards it as **beauty**, and the other, as **obscenity**; one, as **innocence**, and the other as **sin**. How can this be?
- P: Our vision is crossed, Lord, and still you desire that we walk in wisdom.**
- L: O God, this age in which we live! How can two sets of ears listen to a variety of sounds in the same world, and one hears it as **praise**, and the other, as **slander**; one, as **truth**, and the other, as **fiction**.
- P: Our hearing is muddled, Lord, and still you desire that we walk in wisdom.**
- L: O God, this age in which we live! We wonder how two hands can grip the same world, and one feels it as **whole**, and the other, as **split** into pieces; one, as **bulk**, and the other, as **burden**.
- P: Our feelings are mixed, O Lord, and still you desire that we walk in wisdom?**
- L: O God, if you would have us be wise, make clear our vision, and heal us.
- P: If you would have us be wise, sharpen our hearing, awakening our feelings.**
- A: Heal us, holy Lord, and then we shall take up our wisdom and walk, loving and serving you with honor and truth.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you.  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime I don't know what to do,  
I cast all my cares upon you.*

**The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts**

*God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.*

**Going Out to Serve****Closing Hymn**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
For thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found*

*So that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away.  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever,  
Reign with thee in endless day.*

### **Blessing**

L: Grant us, O Lord, understanding minds, that we might know how to live faithfully.

**P: Grant us discerning hearts, that we might know the difference between good and evil, knowing how we might live to please you.**

**A: Grant us, O Lord, peace and prosperity all of our days, to the glory of your name.**

L: And may the blessings...

### **Response**

*He Is Lord - He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

