

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/ Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

#### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true;  
with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living, sanctuary for you. x 3**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, let us gather in the presence of the one who cannot be contained by buildings or borders.

**We come to worship God who is present in all things,  
and hears the prayers of all people.**

Solomon built a house for God,  
a place for prayer and connection.  
**Yet even the most glorious building  
cannot contain God's glory and grace.**

Let us lift our prayers and hopes to the one who welcomes the stranger and embraces all who seek.

**We come to worship with open hearts,  
trusting that God hears us when we call.**

May this place be a house of prayer for all people,  
a place where God's love and justice shine.

**Let us worship the God who hears,  
who welcomes, and who dwells among us.**

#### ▲ We Sing – Worship Matters (Tune # 260)

**Worship matters to God's people.  
People matter to our God.  
It's the time when we all gather;  
Pray and sing and hear the Word  
Words of hope and words of promise;  
Laid upon our hearts with truth.  
Filling us with joy and courage;  
Of God's love and life renewed.**

**When the world seems dark and lonely,  
When the way seems so unclear,  
Worship points us to the future;  
God reminds us not to fear.  
Bread and wine to feed our bodies;  
Souls restored with stories shared.  
God is faithful, ever present;  
We remember whose we are.**

**When God's people come together;  
To this place God's love is made known.  
We can cry and laugh and question;  
Knowing that we're not alone.  
Differences that might divide us;  
Have no power to control.  
God reminds us we're one family;  
All are members of the whole.**

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Holy One,  
You who cannot be confined  
to temples or buildings, we gather in this place  
with hearts open to your presence.  
You hear the prayers of all people—  
those near and far,  
those known and unknown.**

**May this place be a house of prayer for all,  
where the stranger finds welcome  
and the seeker finds peace.  
Open our hearts to your wisdom,  
and let our worship be a reflection  
of your justice and mercy.**

**Guide us to be a community  
that embraces your vision of love,  
where all who seek you  
are received with compassion and care.**

**Silent Prayer...**

**We turn to you, knowing that you understand us,  
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,  
and so we pray with confidence and faith,**

**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 them who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the kingdom  
And the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

#### ALL SAINTS LITURGY OF REMEMBERING

Statement of Purpose

Lighting of Candles

For Those Who Walked with Us – Jan Richardson

For those who walked with us,  
**this is a prayer.**

For those who have gone ahead,  
**this is a blessing.**

For those who touched and tended us,  
who lingered with us while they lived,  
**this is a thanksgiving.**

For those who journey still with us  
in the shadows of awareness,  
in the crevices of memory,  
in the landscape of our dreams,  
**this is a benediction.**

▲ Hymn – For All the Saints # 705

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Scripture – 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43

Reflection

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲We Sing – Let Us Build a House MV # 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house  
where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

▲We Profess – A New Creed – Page # 918 (Together)

Mission and Service Stories

Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

▲We Sing – Come, O Fount of Every Blessing # 559

▲Commissioning & Blessing

▲Song of Dismissal – We Sing to You Thanksgiving

We sing to you thanksgiving  
We sing it loud and clear.  
We sing it when we're lonely  
We sing to keep you near.  
We sing becoming faithful  
We sing becoming strong.  
We sing throughout the ages  
We're singing to belong.

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