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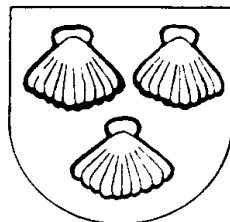
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“COME TO THE TABLE: The Table of Joy”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "This is my Father's World (TERRA BEATA English Melody) arr. by Diane Bish

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Setting the Table

"Come to the Table"
Come to the table of joy
Come to the table of joy
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine
Come to the table of joy!

W & S 3168

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Taking Our Place, Opening to Others

Barbara Cook

We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits as Christ's followers.
We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!
We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.
We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.
We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.
We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

***Opening Hymn**

"A Place at the Table" (vs. 1,2,3 & 5)

W & S 3149

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

And God will delight when we are
creators of justice and joy
Yes, God will delight when we are
Creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

3. For young and old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

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Passing the Peace

WE PROCLAIM

Preparation to Hear God's Word

"Come to the Table"

W & S 3168

Children's Moment

Rev. Patricia Abell and Donna Benson

Scripture

Philippians 2: 1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32

Barbara Cook

The Word in Music

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

Refrain

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.

1. Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man no more

2. Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all

3. Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one for all

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Message

“The Table of Joy”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer Song

WE RESPOND

“At This Table” (sung 1st by Antuan, then congregation joins in)
At this table we lift our voices in prayer
At this table we seek your peace
At this table we know you have drawn near
At this table we find release

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Barbara Cook

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

“Be Present at Our Table Lord”
Be present at our table, Lord,
be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in fellowship with thee.

UMH 621

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

UMH 732

1. Come we that love the Lord
And let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne

2. Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad

3. The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavn'ly fields
Or walk the golden streets

4. Then let our songs abound
And every tear be dry
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground
To fairer worlds on high

*Please stand as able

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Benediction

Postlude

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Food for Thought on Philippians 2: 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

What difference has God's love made in your life?

How does your faith and/or your participation in this church community impact your sense of self and influence the way you see the world?

Who comes to mind when you hear the phrase "deep-spirited friends"?
How do you nourish and sustain the most important relationships in your life?
What brings you true joy?

*This Table of Joy requires much of us.
It asks us not to rely on expecting to feel good all the time
in order to do good in the world.
It shows us that we can have fuller, more invigorating lives when we choose to cultivate a practice of joy by
staying fully present to ourselves and one another
and by staying open to the unexpected movements of Spirit.*

Household Prayer: MORNING

Dear God, thank you for this day.
Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will.
All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

Household Prayer: EVENING

Dear God, thank you for providing for my needs.
Thank you for always being with me.
Keep me through the night and put a song of praise on my lips when I rise again.
In Jesus' name I pray. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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