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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

***The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We gather this morning to have our eyes opened.

People: To have our hearts opened.

Liturgist: We gather this morning to have our minds decluttered.

People: To focus only on the loving arms of our Lord.

Liturgist: We gather this morning to feel renewed.

People: To ready ourselves for another week of being the church in the world.

Liturgist: People of God, let us gather together to ask the Lord's blessing on us.

***Opening Hymn:** *We Gather Together*

***A Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

The Lord says to us, "Be strong and courageous" and promises to never leave our side. Let us take a moment to confess to God and to each other the ways we have fallen short of this trust and courage. Let us pray...

***Unison Prayer of Confession** (prayed aloud by all)

Gracious God, you call us to be bold in the midst of uncertainty...in our individual lives and in our world. We confess that boldness can be difficult. It is easier to retreat into our safe selves rather than step out in faith to greet the world with courage. God of strength, remind us that we are never alone, we are never forsaken, and we are never too far gone. Nothing, no, not a thing, can separate us from you. On this World Communion Sunday, remind us that no matter where we were born, where we live, or where we travel, every person we meet was created in your image. May we all recognize that we are truly one in your love, and may we live like genuine brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

The Silent Confession (please be seated)

Sung Response to Confession: *Lord, Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

The Declaration and Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Sure as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Peace be with you.

People: And, also with you.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

One World, One Communion

Small Talk

Prayer for Illumination

Comforting God, as we navigate our new path, speak to us through these words. May we see what you want us to see, hear what you want us to hear, and know what you want us to know. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 ; Deuteronomy 31: 1-8

The Message

One Last Time

Rev. Brian Wallace

Celebrating the Lord's Table

Invitation

Gathering to the Table in Song: *One Bread, One Body*

Sharing the Feast Together

Prayer

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above all heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

Instruments of Peace

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart



O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;



I want to see you; I want to see you;



to see you high and lift - ed up,



shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your



pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or

2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the

3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

ser - vant or

man - y the

scat - tered and



free, wom - an or man, no more.

works, one in the Lord of all.

grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

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The meek will enjoy great peace. Psalm 37:11

Refrain

Lord, make us in - stru - ments of Your peace; Where there is ha - tred let Your

love in - crease. Lord, make us in - stru - ments of Your peace; Walls of pride and

prej - u - dice shall cease When we are Your in - stru - ments of peace.


*Optional last time to CODA

Fine

**Optional verses
a little faster

1. Where there is ha - tred, we will sow His love; Where there is in - ju - ry,
2. Where there is blind - ness, we will pray for sight; Where there is dark - ness,

we will nev - er judge. Where there is striv - ing, we will speak His peace;
we will shine His light. Where there is sad - ness, we will bear their grief;

D.C. al Coda 
or D.C. al Fine



To the peo - ple cry - ing for re - lease, We will be Your in - stru - ments of peace.
To the mil - lions cry - ing for re - lease, We will be Your in - stru - ments of peace.

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and a coda symbol (a circle with a cross) on the top staff, with the instruction 'D.C. al Coda' and 'or D.C. al Fine' written above it.