



## APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

Leader: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

Leader: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**People: May we grow wildly as God tends us, lovingly**

### Praise Choruses

- Because Of Who You Are
- Every Praise Is To Our God

**Gathering Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

**J**oyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heaven reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

*Henry van Dyke 1907*

**Prayer Chorus: Think About His Love**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Holy, holy, holy, be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come on earth, Thy will be  
done, on earth  
Thy kingdom come on the earth as it is in  
heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. ( Rept.  
x3 )  
And forgive us our trespasses, (Repeat)  
As we forgive those who trespass against  
us, forgive us our trespasses.  
Do not lead us into temptation, (Repeat)  
But, deliver us from all evil, (Repeat)  
Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!  
(Arr. Fr. Richard Ho Lung)**

**Responsive  
Reading**

**Psalms 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-17  
NRSV**

#### Psalms 22:25-31

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

Leader: To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

Leader: And proclaim his deliverance to a

**People yet unborn, saying that He has done it.**

**1 John 4:7-21**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

Leader: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

**People: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**People: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.**

Leader: By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

**People: And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.**

Leader: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

**People: So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them..**

Leader: Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world..

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever**

### WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

**Brief Welcome, Greetings & Notices**

- Offertory Commitment & Blessing of Offering
- Receiving of Tithes & Offering
- Doxology
- Sunday School Minute
- Prayer with the Children
- **Junior Church**
- Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**Scripture**

**Reading**

Matt.5:38-48

**Hymn of  
Preparation**

There Is A Place of  
Quiet Rest

**T**here is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before Thee,  
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

### PREPARATION CHORUS

*Bless Thy word unto our hearts  
And glorify Thy name (rept.)  
Glorify Thy name (rept.)*

Message



Brother Sheldon  
O'Connor