



Theme: “All Are Welcome to the Table”

Call to Worship:

(Normally the Call to Worship includes a response through verbal words. This time instead of verbal response from the congregation after the Leader speaks there are hand motions.)

Leader: Welcome! Come it is time to Worship together!

People: *(Clapping of hands.)*

Leader: Let us lift praise of thanksgiving to God, creator of all.

People: *(Raise hands and moves fingers as in celebration jazz hands.)*

Leader: Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we gather together this day with praise in our hands, our minds, and our hearts. We thank You for all that You have provided for us. Thank you for all that You have created. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ to remind us that You love us and we are to love one another. Amen.

Old Testament: Psalm 98

Scripture Text: John 15:9-17 (NSRV or NIV)

Sermon Thoughts:

Christ loves all and we are to love all who enter the space in which we worship together, whether in a building or in the openness of God’s creation. There is no us or them. We are all welcomed to the table to eat together. No one is excluded.

Offering Prayer:

Lord, we give these gifts back to You. You have given us so much, a place to worship, many ways of expressing our praise to you, a place to live, food to eat, clothes to wear, and people who care about each and everyone of us. Thank You! Those two words just seem inadequate for all that you have provided us and all the things we take for granted at times. From within the deepest part of us, we say Thank You, and ask for Your blessings on these gifts as we go to help others. Amen.

Choral Anthem:

“For Everyone Born” (Words by Shirley Erena Murray, music by Brian Mann)

Disability Awareness Sunday 2018

Possible Songs:

(When asking people to stand, ask them to rise in body or Spirit.)

(Ask someone in your congregation or greater community to use sign language when the choir anthem or another special song is sung. As the person signs the song, watch to see the dance of the hands and movement of the body to express what the song is saying.)

#526 UMH “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#2126 TFWS “All Who Hunger”

A medley of several songs sung together, such as:

#2032 TFWS “My Life Is in You, Lord”

#2040 TFWS “Awesome God”

#2036 TFWS “Give Thanks”

Visuals:

“Soul Surfer” – the trailer could be shown during the worship service. This shows how one who was considered “normal” has her life changed and the challenges and grief that she goes through to accept what is now the new “norm” of her life.

Communion Litany:

(Keep it simple and use inclusive language)

(Ask those with disabilities if they would like to help serve that day and even on other days of the year.)

Song that can be sung during Communion:

UMH #618 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Benediction:

Go with the grace of God.

Go knowing that Christ loves you.

Go with the Holy Spirit being your guide.