



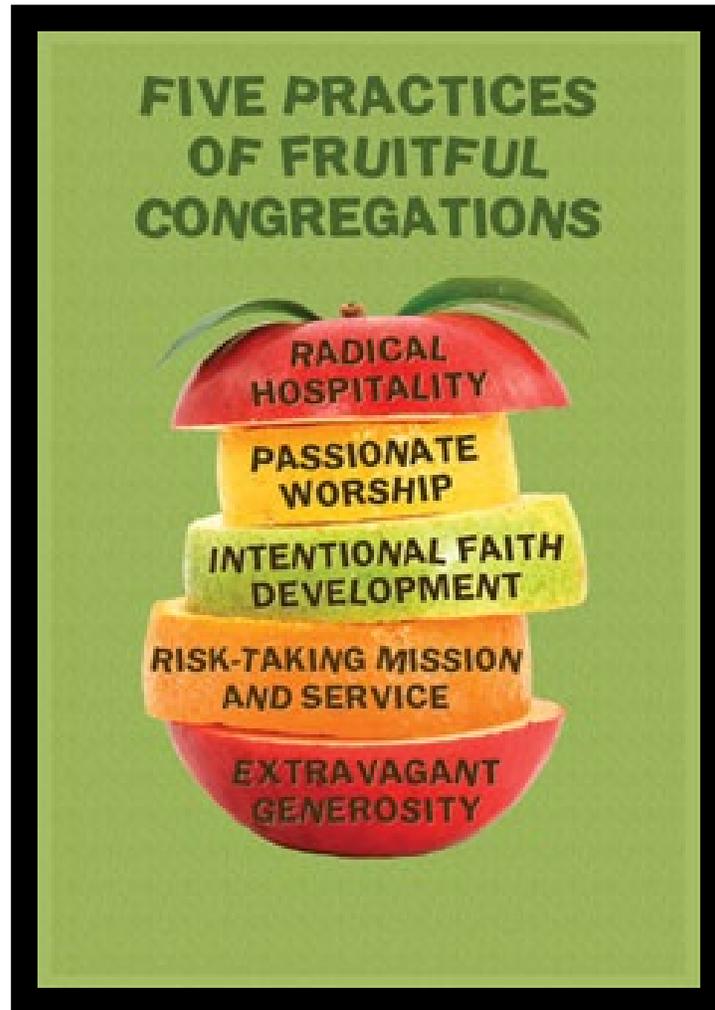
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CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Jim Meredith, *Music Director*

by: George Atkins; arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER [UNISON]

Alex Banash

*Lord, help us to be a new creation in your name.*

*Encourage us to daily devote ourselves to you through teaching, fellowship, and prayer.*

*During these days, help us find new ways to be together in community,  
and give us the confidence to know that where two or three are gathered in your name,  
you are with us and guiding us.*

*Cultivate in us the fruit of the Spirit so that we can serve you and others in love and  
kindness.*

*In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

*First Scots Presbyterian Church*

OPENING SONG (Please take a posture to support your singing aloud and stand if comfortable)

Cry of My Heart TWFS 2165

*It is the cry of my heart To follow You*

*It is the cry of my heart To be close to You*

*It is the cry of my heart To follow*

*All of the days of my life*

1. *Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord*

*So I can walk in Your truth*

*Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord*

*And make me wholly devoted to You*

*It is the cry of my heart To follow You*

*It is the cry of my heart To be close to You*

*It is the cry of my heart To follow*

*All of the days of my life*

2. *Open my eyes so I can see*

*The wonderful things that You do*

*Open my heart up more and more*

*And make it wholly devoted to You*

*It is the cry of my heart To follow You*

*It is the cry of my heart To be close to You*

*It is the cry of my heart To follow*

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-13 MSG

Sherri Elinson

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead,

fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

### Acts 2:42 MSG

That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

## RESPONSE

### Covenant Prayer W&S 3115

- 1. Lord, I am not mine, but yours alone.  
Let your will be done and not my own.  
Put me where you will, and let me serve;  
in everything I do, let me endure.  
This is my prayer, Lord, to you.  
My promise and my vow, strong and true.  
And the covenant I make on earth,  
let it be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.*
- 2. Father, Son, and Spirit hear my cry,  
forever I am yours and you are mine.*

*Father, son and Spirit hear my cry,  
forever I am yours and you are mine.*

*This is my prayer, Lord, to you.  
My promise and my vow, strong and true.  
And the covenant I make on earth,  
let it be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.*

SERMON            “Intentional Faith Development”    Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

## HOLY COMMUNION

A CELEBRATION OF WORD AND TABLE            Rev. Sunae Cho, Alex Banash

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The risen Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God forever and ever.

*ALL: O God, you have created the universe with such splendor that all of it rises up to praise you. We, the people you have called to be your own, join with sun and moon, stars and mountains, in singing hymns of glory to your wonderful Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:

*ALL: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE IS KEPT FOR PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & HOPE

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image

and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through the prophet.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.  
On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
In remembrance of me.”

And so,

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
As a holy and living sacrifice,  
In union with Christ's offering for us,  
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, mighty God,  
now and forever.

## BREAKING THE BREAD

*Lifting the Bread*

**Pastor:** Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.  
The bread which we break is sharing in the body of Christ.

*Lifting the Cup*

The cup over which we give thanks is sharing the blood of Christ.

## SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

\*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

**Our \*Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## LIVING AS THE CHURCH

## OFFERING

### THANKSGIVING SONG

**We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise** TFWS 2031  
*We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.  
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.  
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy. (2x)*

CLOSING SONG (Please take a posture to support your singing aloud and stand if comfortable)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning TFWS 2004

(sung to UMW 150)

1. *Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.*
2. *God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
where the purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.*
3. *May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.*
4. *As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow  
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow  
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.*

CLOSING PRAYER [RESPONSIVE]

Sherri Elinson

O God, Your plan is for us to continue maturing in faith throughout life, and You invite us to actively cooperate with the Holy Spirit in this process.

We acknowledge that one of the primary ways we do this is through belonging to a faith-forming community, which helps us grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God.

We desire this growth, yet sometimes we allow the busy-ness and distractions of life to keep us from being intentional about pursuing it.

Help us to make room in our lives for learning faith, and give us the commitment and consistency we need to overcome the obstacles.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him! (Joyful Song)

Chester Allen; arr. Mark Hayes