

May 25, 2025 “Voices from the Margins?” Liturgy

GOD WELCOMES US

Welcome: “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” – Psalm 95:6-8 (ESV)

***Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down (Lift Up Your Hearts, #510)***

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.  
(repeat)

Prayer: God, you are beyond time, space and comprehension. But still you are our God and we are your people. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. In your mercy, you call us again to come. We are here. Call to us again. We are your people. Speak to us again. Holy Spirit, soften our hearts. We are listening.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Open our eyes and ears to the specific aches and joys of this community.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Open our hearts to the wounds and wonders that exist right here.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Still the noise around us. Still any urgency and anxiety. Still destruction and falsehood, Lord. Break through with your still, small voice with your calm and clarity and with your leading and light.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### ***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

(Repeat song)

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

I want to see you.

### ***Speak O Lord***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness—  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and  
our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail  
over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of  
your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that  
will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer: Holy God, forgive us for failing to listen to your Word, not  
slowing down and stopping to listen to you. Your heart is  
known in Scripture, proclaimed from the pulpit, taught in  
our Bible studies and Kids Faith Group and it's evident in  
the words and lives of so many people around us. Yet we  
have failed to hear, to listen. Forgive us for not listening.  
Holy God, because we don't always listen, we fail you

time and again in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds. Forgive us. Now in these moments of silence, we pray that you will speak to us. Speak to us words of invitation to come to you and rest. Speak words of invitation to bring to you all the junk that stands between us and you. Speak words of love and grace. Speak to us words of forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (Silent Prayer)

Children blessed and leave

### ***Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam,  
ancient words will guide us home.

### **Refrain**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age  
came to us through sacrifice.  
O heed the faithful words of Christ - **refrain**

## GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture text: 2 Kings 5:1-17 p. 300

Message: “Voices from the Margins?”

***Lord, We Have Heard Your Word with Gladness*** (LUYH, #766)

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:  
you have spoken—we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom—  
help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led

May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed

May our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known

May obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own

You have spoken; yours the fullness,  
ours the wealth of this, your Word

Debtors, then, as living letters,  
we must make your gospel heard!

By your Spirit's power transform us;  
shed your saving light abroad

till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Prayer

## GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Offering: Covenant House

Benediction

***Lord Dismiss Us with your Blessing*** (LUYH, #933)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.