



A Liturgy for the Agape

We Gather at the Lord's Table

Giver of every good and undeserved blessing,
Once again, we unwrap with expectation the gift of this
church; this house formed by human hands, but filled with
God; this center of healing, love, and shared life.

We thank You, Generous God, for the gift of this church.

Once again, we embrace with hope the gift of this time;
these sacred seconds called from our brief lives, yet filled with
eternity; this momentary joining of journeys.

We thank You, Generous God, for the gift of this time.

Once again, we join ourselves with You and with each other
through our worship; through these prayers and these praises;
through these lives and their love; and wrapped in this time and
this place. We make of ourselves a gift to You.

**And may this offering of praise fill Your heart with joy as
we rejoice in You. Amen.**

*Praise Medley

(located at the back)

We Offer Our Praises & Confessions

Because of Your extravagant nurture, we find a safe place in
You, O God. You gave us Your breath and Your image; You
spoke the name of each child and wrapped us in the warm
embrace of Your Motherly love.

We believe in You, O God. and in our living, we long to imitate You. Forgive us when we rob others of safety and care.

Because of Your extravagant invitation, we find wholeness in You, O God. You became as we are in flesh and experience; You shared our suffering in body, mind, and spirit; You rescued us from death and gifted us with life.

We believe in You, O God. In our hearts we celebrate You, and in our relationships we long to give as You do. Forgive us when we ignore the pain of others and when we make it harder for them to love You.

Because of Your extravagant generosity, we find abundance in You, O God. You made us - each one and together - a home for Your Spirit You filled us with a vision of hope and community which helps us make sense of life. You cause each moment to be pregnant with the potential for love and healing.

We believe in You, O God. In all that we are we seek to please You, and in all that we do we seek to mirror You. Forgive us when life in this world causes us to forget the life and love we find in You; when we isolate ourselves and others, and when we let our brokenness have the last word. Enable us to make one what we believe, what we say, and what we do; for the sake of the One who is our life. Amen.

We Offer Peace

"I give you My peace," said the Prince of Peace.
Let us share His gift among ourselves and all humanity.
God's peace - beyond understanding - be always yours.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of
praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's
salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is
risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Choral Anthem: *Blessings*

L. Story

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17

Pg. 902, Pew Bible

We Offer Our Prayers

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Norma Nekhay, Jon LaCourt, Sara Miller, Emily Cummings, Anne Starr, Holly Werner, Linda McClure, Mark Kaad; missionaries, Sam and Cayla Schaefer

It is before Your altar that we bow, Eternal Friend. And it is on this altar that we lay the burdens of our hearts. You have gifted us with companions to walk with us on the way. Loved ones and friends that we carry in our hearts. They encourage and strengthen us. They inspire and comfort us. They bring us security and joy.

**We pray that our love for them may be life-giving;
and we long for You to bless them as they have blessed us.**

You have filled our world with neighbors who touch our lives with surprising reflections of You. Through them You call us beyond ourselves and teach us the lessons of compassion.

**We yearn to see all people as bearers of Your image.
May the welcome and service we give our neighbors offer
them the dignity You have given us.**

You bring us face to face with adversaries who challenge and unsettle us. Their gift is the shaking of our faith which strengthens its foundations and removes complacency.

**Give us the courage to embrace the discomfort, and the
humility to bless those who curse us. May we find and
share the healing which forgiveness brings.**

Thank You, Friend of Humanity, for connecting us with others. May our prayers, spoken and performed, be the gentle fragrance of life to each one who enters our circle.

We Offer Thanksgiving

The hands of God are engraved with our names.
The heart of God holds us in an unbreakable embrace.
The compassion of God frees us from the power of hatred,
selfishness, and death.

**We thank You, God of Love,
that You never abandon or neglect us.**

In our moments of rebellion, God is patient.
In our quest for independence, God is faithful.
In our ignorance and pride, God is kind and gentle.

**We thank You, God of Love,
that You continually seek and save the lost**

When we had broken relationship with God, Jesus called us home. He shared a meal with His friends and shared his life with the world.

In Christ, the world is reconciled to God.

As He lifted the bread, blessed it, and broke it,
Jesus gave it a new power.

This is my flesh, broken so that you may be whole.

As He lifted the cup and blessed it,
Jesus transformed its purpose.

This is my life-blood, given so that you may have life.

As He gave the bread and wine to His friends,
He gives Himself to us in this meal.

**We are broken people, with broken lives and relationships.
We have done nothing which makes us deserving of God's
love. It is Your compassion and goodness that invites us to
this meal, to this moment of healing. Feed us, and
reconcile us with ourselves, with others and with You.
For Christ's sake. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Offer Ourselves

Thank You, Loving God,
for sharing this meal with us;
for sharing Your life with us;
for sharing Your promise of eternity with us now.

**We go as emissaries of God's love and power;
to reconcile the divided;
to restore the fragmented;
and to embrace the rejected in His Name.**

To tell the story of a Kingdom where all are welcome and at one. Where God's world finds its purpose in the eternal song of love.

**The unearned favor of Christ, the unending love of God,
the unbroken friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
always.**

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Benediction

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Today:** 10:00a.m. Mission Study begins
Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: Last Day:
3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
5th & 6th Youth Group
5:30p.m. 7/8/9 Youth Group
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

VBS: June 13th-17th from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

All children 4-years old through those completing 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Registration forms will be available on the VBS table in the Fireside Room. You may also register online on our website kingsfpc.org. Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fireside Room for volunteer opportunities.

Mission Study Dates: Sundays, May 5th, 12th, and 19th

We will meet for an hour in Fellowship Hall after worship. The purpose of this is to know who we are and where God is calling us. This is an important time in the life of our Church so plan to come. Childcare, including snacks and activities, will be available.

Scholarship applications are now available for undergraduate students who are pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree. To qualify, a student must be an active member of our Church. Applications can be picked up in the office or you can request one by email: maryjean5775@gmail.com. Applications need to be turned in by May 31st.

Ushers: Jeff, Audrey, Aksel, and Samson Hutchinson

I LOVE YOU LORD Laurie Klein, CCLI Song #25266

I love You Lord and I lift my voice to worship You
O my soul rejoice. Take joy my King in what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear *repeat*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

Peter Scholtes, CCLI Song #26997

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our
land. *chorus*

Verse 3

We will work with each other. We will work side by side.
We will work with each other. We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride. *chorus*

Verse 4

All praise to the Father from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *chorus*