



## Lenten Communion

FORMING DISCIPLES



TRANSFORMING LIVES

### OUR VISION

We are called together  
to embrace God's transformation  
of our lives and our world  
by becoming and serving as Christ's disciples.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF STOUGHTON  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

Please help foster an atmosphere of quiet, prayer and meditation.  
As a community striving to be inclusive of all, we encourage each of you to sing  
and pray using language which is most comfortable to you.

*We invite you to take a moment of silence and pray:*

Holy God, I come to honor you in worship today.

I ask that all the things of this week that can crowd you out of my heart be set aside  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Open my heart and mind to meet you and receive you today. Amen.

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE, CHIMES, THE LIGHT COMES TO US**

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Let us now join our hearts, minds and voices in worshipping God.*

**INTROIT**

**LENTEN PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

❖ **THE GATHERING HYMN** (*standing*)      “Come, You Disconsolate”      #502

### ENCOUNTERING

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** (*standing*)      “One Bread, One Body”      #393 (v. 1)

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

❖ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## COMMUNING

### COMMUNION MUSIC

### THE INVITATION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS *(Please hold each element until all have been served.)*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/LORD'S PRAYER

*(please use the wording with which you are most comfortable)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

*(Children may leave for their Sunday School classes during the following response.)*

### SUNG RESPONSE *(seated)* "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425, v. 3

*Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees);*

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*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).*

## LISTENING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

From the Prophets

Isaiah 55:1-3a

(OT, p. 685)

### ❖ THE GLORIA PATRI *(standing)*

#35

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Spending Our Lives"

Rev. Lenk

## CARING

### LIFTING UP OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### LIGHTING OF VOTIVES

*While the music plays, you are invited forward to light a votive candle as a wordless and tangible prayer for the people and concerns you are holding in your heart this morning.*

### SILENT PRAYER/PASTORAL PRAYER

**SUNG RESPONSE** (*seated*) "Lead Me, Lord" #593  
*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

RESPONDING

**THE JOYFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

- ❖ **DOXOLOGY** (*standing*) (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*
- ❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*standing*)

DEPARTING

- ❖ **SENDING HYMN** (*standing*) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #622
- ❖ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**
- ❖ **THE LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD**
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*standing*) "Abide with Me" #636 (v. 5)  
*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

**POSTLUDE**

- ❖ *standing as you are able*

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to form disciples of Christ and transform our lives,  
and the lives of others, through Christ.  
We do this by nurturing our relationship with God  
through the spiritual practices of daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading,  
serving within and beyond our church, developing spiritual relationships,  
and giving generously.

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