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Welcome

Announcements: Giving Options: November is Frontera de Cristo (video) Middle School Party List, Church Conference on November 15th at 5PM. Thanksgiving Potluck Sign up in foyer…Book Club meets on November 3 at 10:30AM in Verde Hall, Food bank needs are holiday extras, stuffing cranberries, gravy, mashed potatoes etc.…Decorate the church hauling team 8:30AM Monday November 23, Decorate 9:30AM November 23.

Fellowship of Love
Song

Call to Worship
One: May we remember
All: That God created.

One: May we remember
All: that God liberated.

One: May we remember
All: That God fed.

One: May we remember
All: That God is still creating,
God is still liberating,
And God is still feeding us.

One: Let this be our story.
All: Let his be where we begin.

One: Let us worship holy God.

Unison Prayer (Please say in Unison)
Holy God, There is something about scripture that stirs us awake.

For when we hear of a deep love that made room for everyone at the table, we remember that we too are hungry.

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And when we hear of manna raining down in the desert, we remember that we are lost.

There is something about scripture that stirs us awake, and it feels like hunger and it looks like hope.

So Stir us awake, oh God. Remind us that this story starts with love and ends with love.

We are hungry, which is to say, we are listening.
Amen.

Offering
L: As we come to this time of offering, let us remember that giving is an opportunity to respond to God's generosity with our own.

Song
Scripture: Luke 22:1-23
22 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near.

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[2] The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.
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[3] Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve;
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[4] he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them.
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[5] They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money.
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[6] So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.
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[7] Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
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[8] So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.”
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[9] They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?”

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10 “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters
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11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’
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12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.”
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13 So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.
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14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.
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15 He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,
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16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
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17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves,
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18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
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19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
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20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
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21 But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.
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22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”
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23 Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

L: The word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Meditation: Remember

When I was younger, I think it was when I was in middle school or maybe late in elementary school, I remember going on a vacation as a family to Ohio. We went to Ohio because my older brother was going to a Christian boot camp for a week. No he wasn't going because of behavior issues; he was going because he wanted to. The rest of us were camping for the week instead.

I don't remember a lot of things about this campground. I remember that it was a Jellystone campground, themed off of the yogi bear cartoon. I remember I cut my thumb, very badly, I still have the scar. I remember that was the year we started telling my sister stories about the Ohio fang- frog, because at night you could hear the frogs croaking all through the woods. She was terrified of the Ohio fang-frog for years afterwards.

There is one more thing that I remember and that is my sister sharing her vacation money with my younger, (her older,) brother. You see every year at vacation my mother would give us an amount as our spending money. This was money we could use for snacks at the camp store, to play in the arcade, or as I liked to, to play pool. My younger sister at that time could be very generous and transactional. What she did was she and my younger brother would go to the camp store, and she would buy candy and sodas and share them with him.

In my sister's mind she thought that by sharing her money and her candy, my brother would automatically share his. My mother, about mid-way through the week stopped my sister and said, "you know you're spending all your money?" my sister's response "I know I'm sharing, and when I run out Stephen will buy candy and share it with me." My mother looked at my brother, looked back at my sister and said, "you know he's not going to do that right?" my sister in horror looked at my younger brother, who just grinned.

I think most of us have had an experience similar to this when we were children, and sometimes even as an adult. It's where we share what we have only to find that people are not reciprocal. That instead of sharing in kind, they keep and don't try to help.

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At its surface, our scripture reading doesn't seem to be about this. It doesn't seem to be about stewardship either. While this scripture doesn't directly talk about money except to show it as part of Judas' motivation, this scripture does talk about provision. It talks about having enough and being willing to share, even with those who won't share back.

Peter and John are sent on a mission to find a place for the Passover. When they find it, it seems like an imposition. This guy is just going to allow more people into his home. This is not what is at stake here, you see this man had "enough" and in the spirit of hospitality, he shared. Shared what he had.

This idea goes further. Somehow Jesus already knew at the meal that one of the disciples was going to betray him. Instead of blocking that person, who we know as Judas, from the Passover table Jesus shares the meal with him. Jesus shares what has been given in abundance.

Most of us have experienced being burnt by other people. Maybe like my sister's generosity, we were taken advantage of. Maybe we worry that the people who don't help others receive help from us, from our food bank, or from our taxes. Jesus' example here is that we don't stop giving - because there is plenty to share.
Our task isn't to figure out how to hold on to what we have but to share it with each other in kind.

Remember, God has provided for us. God has provided for us financially, but God has also provided each one of us a place at this table today, and today is about reminding us that that provision is to be shared with each other. Amen.

All Saints Day Memorial Recognition (chime to tone after each name)
Bob Hintze
Wayne Barber
Jean Cottrill
Maureen Haggard
Judy Statner
Jean Sanderlin
Mary Whitla
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Skip Duncan
Verna Hoag Good
Verna Florence Good
Alex Julian
Robert Hindman
Patricia Hindman
My best friend, Sam.
Eunice Culver

Our Money Communion Litany

The dinner table is always a place where we tell stories.
We tell stories of growing up and falling in love, of making mistakes and figuring it out.
We tell stories that make us laugh, stories that make us cry, and stories that help us remember.

This table is no different. For at this table we tell stories about a God who loves us unconditionally. We tell stories about a man who fed the hungry, washed the feet of his disciples, and said

"This is my body-for you."
So friends, as you come to this table today, bring your stories-Stories about who you are and who you want to be. Stories of shame and disappointment, stories of fear and faith.

Bring your money stories, your faith stories, your love, and heartbreak stories-bring them all. For no matter the narrative, God welcomes us at this table.

You belong here. There is a seat saved for you.

Creator God, Prayer has never been easy for us. Our mind flutters with news updates and questions of faith-our thoughts like a river that won't stop.

So today we take a deep breath-
Inhaling your name into the cobwebs of our lungs, willing your presence to wipe about the dust of self-doubt and fear. And with that breath, we ask that you would tell us again:

Tell us again how you moved the waters.
Tell us again how you led them with a pillar of fire.

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Tell us again of that still, small, voice,
And tell us of the prophets.

Tell us of Mary and Joseph and the angel chorus.
Tell us of the blind man, and the leper, and the crowds that you healed.
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Tell us what it was like to walk on water.
Tell us of the little children that ran to you.
Tell us of the justice you preached.
Tell us of the hosannas and the palm branches.
Tell us again, of the love that changed this world.

Tell us again, because we are a forgetful people. It is part of our human nature; That is why we love for this space each week after week, so that we might be reminded of who we are and whose we are. So tell us again.
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For our anxiety is loud. Our scarcity is loud. Our fear is loud. Our anger is loud. Our shame is loud. Our loneliness and self-doubt are loud. Mental illness is loud. Doubt is loud. So tell us again.
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Tell us again how it all began. Tell us of manna in the wilderness and the disciples around your table. Tell us again of your love for this world. Tell us again how it changed everything. Tell us again, so that we have the strength to tell others.
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And as you do, our out your Spirit on this table. Tether your Spirit to our fragile bones. Be with us in these ordinary symbols of extraordinary love, And give us the strength to remember your story anew.

As we prepare to eat together as your disciples did, we remember and we speak that truth out loud, praying together:
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P: 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

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And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us
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And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom
And the Power
And the Glory forever. Amen.

Holy Communion/Songs
Benediction
Song