



# THE OASIS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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"I believe that whether we recognize him or not, or believe in him or not, or even know his name, again and again he comes and walks a little way with us along whatever road we're following. And I believe that through something that happens to us, or something we see, or somebody we know--who can ever guess how or when or where?--he offers us, the way he did at Emmaus, the bread of life, offers us new hope, a new vision of light that not even the dark world can overcome."

- Frederick Buechner

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

### **\*Gathering Song**

“Jesus Put This Song Into Our Hearts”

Jesus put this song into our hearts  
Jesus put this song into our hearts  
It's a song of joy no one can take away  
Jesus put this song into our hearts

Jesus taught us how to live in harmony  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony  
Different faces, different races, He made us one  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony

Jesus taught us how to be a family  
Jesus taught us how to be a family  
Loving one another with the love that He gives  
Jesus taught us how to be a family

Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy  
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance

### **Opening and Welcome**

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Song of Praise**

*Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halleluja, hallelujah.*

### **Passing the Peace**

### **For The Child In Us All**

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

**Scripture Reading:** John 6:24 - 35

### Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**Sermon:** “The Bread of Life”

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

#### Offering

#### Hymn

“O God In Whom All Life Begins”

O God in whom all life begins,  
who births the seed to fruit,  
bestow your blessing on our lives;  
here let your love find root.  
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts  
of patience, joy, and peace;  
deliver us from numbing fear,  
and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry  
our minds and hands and hearts  
that we may have the grace to seek  
the pow'r your peace imparts.  
So let our varied gifts combine  
to glorify your Name  
that in all things by word and deed  
we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,  
enlarge our trust and care;  
so bind us in community  
that we may risk and dare.  
Be with us when we gather here  
to worship, sing, and pray,  
then send us forth in pow'r and faith  
to live the words we say.

## AND GO FORTH IN LOVE.

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“God Who Sets Us On a Journey

God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbor  
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble,  
lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

### **\*Words of Blessing**