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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.

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One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
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READING OF SCRIPTURE: Job 2:1-8
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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Redeeming God, in every moment and in every place, your voice calls to us and your presence beckons us. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your presence, and focus instead to our own needs and desires and those experiences from within the world that challenge our faith. Forgive us for those times when we have ignored the needs of others, when we have failed to place our feet upon your path, when we have been inattentive to your call. In grace, draw us near to you so that we may live in ways that demonstrate your love and light to all.

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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COMMUNION HYMN: "Come to the Table of Grace"
Responding

*HYMN: "When Peace Like A River"

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873, P.D.
Music (Ville du Havre 11.8.11.9 refrain 6.9): Philip P. Bliss, 1876, P.D.
INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Rev. Eustacia Marshall

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