Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us bring all that we are to gather at the feast!

Many: Let us gather, bringing our facades and our truths, seeking freedom in community.

One: Come, let us bring that which has never been spoken and place it at the altar of grace.

Many: Let us gather, overflowing with the grace of God, bringing the spirit of welcome and safety with us.

All: Come, let us worship to be freed and transformed, going out into the world carrying the radical realness of Christ’s love and welcome.

*Song: “Welcome” (page 2)

The Challenge of the Feast

*Prayer for Illumination

Kenneth Pettigrew (MDiv ’16)

God, giver of all life and knowledge, open our spirits to sound of your voice, the cry of justice, and the freedom of radical realness. Free us to squirm if our spirits grow uncomfortable and ground us to rest in your abiding truth. Shine your light into the recesses of our minds and hearts, giving us the courage to bring to you that which has burdened, broken, and bothered us. Let your words be healing to us that we may use them to bring healing to your world. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Bringing in the Light

Mia Sloan (MDiv ‘18)

Thy word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path

Scripture

Monica Banks (MDiv ’17)
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Welcome

1. Let’s walk together for a while and
   ask where we begin to build a world where
   love can grow and hope can enter in
   to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,
   joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,
   mourning turns to dancing every creature lifts its voice!

2. Let’s talk together of a time when
   we will share a feast, where pride and power
   kneeling to serve the lonely and the least
   where our
   singing welcome, welcome to this place. You’re invited to come and know God’s grace. All are welcome the
   love of God to share ’cause all of us are welcome here;

3. Let’s dream together of the day when
   earth and heaven are one, a city built of
   love and light, the new Jerusalem
   where our
   singing welcome, all are welcome in this place.

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.

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Sermon: Being Real

Rev. Molly Baskette

Prayers of the People: “Listen Lord”

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“Song: “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” (page 4)

Benediction

Rev. Molly Baskette

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Notes for Today’s Worship

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