

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creator God, you have given us new life, but in our busyness we often do not see those possibilities. You have given many of us years and wisdom but we ignore those gifts of life and age, seeking our own wisdom not yours. Forgive us for ignoring the gifts you offer, for thinking we know best and going our own ways without listening for your voice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed, restored and open to the paths you set for us. Thank you for this opportunity to be renewed and given another chance to be your faithful disciples.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Because of God's great love for us, all that keeps us away, all that blinds us to God has been removed. New life through Christ is offered to us if we choose to accept.

Sung response, verse1 G2G #515, PH #507 *I Come with Joy*;

Time with Children

(Suggestion: Might talk about Care of Pets or animals)

Choir or Music offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Generous God, you renew us and renew the earth. As you continue to watch over us, use us and use these gifts to reach out with care and concern for others and for this earth our home. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

John 10: 1 – 10

Psalm 23

Consider having the congregation say this in unison. Or, perhaps read this in a variety of translations.

Sermon

Instead of a traditional sermon, several senior members of the congregation might share their faith journeys or at least tell of particular incidents where they experienced God's care and presence.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** G2G #803, PH #172 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

***Creed** Apostles' Creed or lines 1-2, 51-80 of the New Brief Statement

Sung invitation verse 1 G2G #187, PH #387 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after communion (unison)

You have spread a table before us, O God. You have invited all of us to join together in sharing this meal. You invite us now to go forth, to show the world the power of love and the possibility of becoming a beloved communion. Help us to reach out to enemies and to offer all the hope you give us to others in need. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** G2G #526, PH #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ;*
or G2G #506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

***Benediction**

Postlude

G2G refers to Glory to God

PH refers to Presbyterian Hymnal

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