

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather to worship God,

**People: Who creates us and loves us;**

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**People: To seek justice, share power and live together in love and equality;**

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all...

**People: ...and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

Leader: We gather to worship God.

**All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, justice and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:**

***1 Timothy 6:3-5:***

***Matthew 5: 44-45:***

**Meditation: All Are Welcome – Kirk Homrighouse**

**Benediction: The Lord's Prayer**

***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; And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen***