

WELCOME

Welcome to Table Church! As you arrive, we invite you to find a place to sit. Our meal and worship will begin shortly.

Call To Worship

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us,

1: to bring good news to the oppressed

Leader: to heal the brokenhearted

2: to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

ALL: God has anointed us!

Leader: God has called us to comfort those who mourn,

1: to give them flowers instead of ashes

Leader: the oil of gladness instead of tears

2: joyous praise instead of a faint spirit.

ALL: God has anointed us!

Leader: Those who were sad will be called Oaks of Justice, planted by God

1: to honor God

Leader: to rebuild what has been destroyed

2: to rebuild what has been in ruins for many generations.

ALL: God has anointed us!

Prayer of thanks for the food
Tables are invited to come to the buffet table

MEAL

Meals at the table are a spiritual practice taught by Jesus, and an important way to experience God's presence. After everyone has received something to eat, we will begin our Bible story conversations.

STORY

The scriptures help us to know "God's Story" of salvation and shalom and point us to Jesus. So we like to create space to interpret them together by listening to each other and the voice of the Spirit.

Luke 10:25-37:25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" 27 The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind,' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" 29 The man wanted to justify his action, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 By chance a priest came along. But when he was the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. 33 "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 36 Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Wondering, Reflecting, and Sharing

How many times have you heard this story? Did you notice something new this time?

We often think of this parable from the perspective of the Good Samaritan. Can you think of a time in your life when your actions were more like that of the Temple assistant (Levite) or Priest? What factors led to you behaving in that way?

Which of the acts that the Good Samaritan does is hardest for you? (Compassion, Physical Ministry, Time or Money)

SINGING TIME

COMMUNION

The following liturgy is to be shared together at your table:

Leader: The table has been prepared, as Jesus requested, and we are invited to the meal.

People: Come to the table-

Leader: like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve, like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God's reign.

People: Come to the table-

Leader: like Martha, hosting and leading with confidence, like Mary, full of love and grief.

People: Come to the table-

Leader: like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious, like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

People: Come to the table-

Leader: Jesus offers the bread and the cup.

People: Come to the table of Christ!

Prayer for offering

Announcements and sharing time

BLESSING

May the peace of Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing

At the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing

Once again into our doors.

SENDING SONG