

Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

**All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: The highest in all creation lives among the least.

**All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now all who thirst

**All: And drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now all who hunger

**All: And be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now all who seek

**All: And be warmed by the fire of love.**

Opening Prayer

Help us, O God, to find here tonight:

Wisdom to know what is right,

And strength to do what is right.

Enlighten our minds with your truth;

Warm our hearts with your love;

Fill our lives with your power,

That we may live for you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture – Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Affirmation of Faith – Hearing the faith statements of our confirmands

Prayer of welcome for our new members:

**Holy God,**

**Thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church.**

**We praise you for leading Charlie and Rhys to this congregation.**

**Empower us by your Spirit,**

**that we might love one another as Christ loved us,**

**honoring him in all that we say and do,**

**giving our lives in service to others,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**