We Gather as God’s People

Worship Leader - normal type. **Congregational responses - bold type**

\*Indicates all who are able are invited to stand

GATHERING AND PRELUDE

WELCOME

God is Good **All the Time**

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\*SONG:Here Comes the Son!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! ~ Matthew 21:9

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Newtown, Boston, Texas, Oklahoma…Friends it has been a long cold, lonely winter,

**Let us worship in hope of the coming Son!**

It is time for the smiles to return to our faces

**Let us worship in joy for the coming Son!**

It is time for the ice of our doubts, our fears, our hopelessness to melt away…

**Let us worship in the warmth of the Son who is here among us!**

\*SONG:Help

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ~ Psalm 121:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our rock and our redeemer. We have convinced ourselves that we have it all figured out – that alone we can create Your Kingdom, that we are perfect individuals and islands of fortitude. We are wrong. We do indeed “need somebody” and not just anybody, but we need You. When our best plans fail, when our loneliness overcomes our individualism, hear our cry for Help! Forgive us and remind us that it is only through you that it shall be on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.**

\*SONG OF GRACEImagine

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

~ Revelation 21:4

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

We Hear the Good News

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 pg.

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 1:1-12 pg.

SERMON “A Little Help” Rev. Eric Fistler

\*SONG: A Little Help From My Friends

Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. ~ John 15:12b-14

We Listen to God’s Still-Speaking Voice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LISTENING TO GOD in silent prayer

Take this time to lift your prayers to God and then silently listen for God’s responses.

\*SONG: Let It Be

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." ~ Luke 1:38

## We Respond to God’s Word and Grace

OFFERING

\*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Creator Christ and Holy Ghost.*

\*SONG: Can’t Buy Me Love

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth…but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven…For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Take our gifts, symbols of our devotion, our wordless love, our silent thanks to you for all you have given and all we have yet to receive. Amen.**

Participating in God’s Grace: Holy Communion

*(God’s Table is open to everyone; all are invited to participate in Communion)*

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

**With grateful hearts, O God, we come to Christ’s table: remembering that you spoke creation into existence and pronounced it good; remembering that you called servants to make your world known and declared your reign; remembering that you effected salvation through Jesus Christ and reconciled us to you.**

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN All You Need Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ~ 1 John 4:7-8

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NEXT SUNDAY: **Children’s Sunday**

10 am June 8th, 2013

**West Suffield**

**Congregational Church**

**June 2, 2013**

Worship with the Beatles Sunday

**10:00 AM**



*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are in life’s journey, you are welcome here!*

*Together, may we receive God’s comfort, challenge and inspiration through worship, word and song.*