

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

One: At the end of a long week, and the beginning of another,

**ALL: we bring our whole selves to you.**

One: aching or rested, hurting or whole,

**ALL: we bring our whole selves to you.**

One: Renew, refresh, and restore us in our worship;

**ALL: bring your whole self to us now.**

**Gathering Hymn 23**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

**Time for Wonder** *children are invited forward*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 31:6-13, 23-25**

Robert Alter’s translation<sup>1</sup>

**Romans 12:1-2**

NRSVue

**Reflection on the Word**

*Sacred the Body*

**The Word in Song 27**

“Sacred the Body”

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we profess  
that we are fearfully and wonderfully made  
but treat ourselves and our bodies  
as the least of your concerns.  
Help us to be whole people,  
cherishing body, mind, and soul,  
the way you cherish us.  
In the name of Christ,  
the Word in a body, we pray.**

**Quiet Reflection**

**Assurance of Grace**

One: Our God is loving and forgiving.

Be assured God's loving arms tenderly hold us in forgiveness and send us forth to new life.

Receive and share the good news:

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole, thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Alter is a world-renowned Hebrew scholar. His translation of the Hebrew Bible pays special attention to the historical and literary dimensions of the text. [Learn more here.](#)

**Offering Invitation**

*Gifts may be given online at [firstprescf.org](http://firstprescf.org)*

**Sung Dedication #708**

*verse 1*

**COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Hymn 515**

“I Come with Joy”

*verses 1 & 2*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*[celebrant continues]*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Sharing the Meal**

One: Let us join as one though we are in many places to receive the gifts of God.  
The bread of heaven.

**ALL: We are one in the bread we share.**

One: The cup of salvation.

**ALL: We are one in the cup we share.**

**Communion Hymn 515**

“I Come with Joy”

*verses 3, 5*

**Prayer**

**Our Life Together**

**Sung Charge**

“God Has Given Us”

*see page 3*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!*

# God Has Given Us Each Other

1. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, \_\_\_\_\_ and reach-es through our  
2. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, \_\_\_\_\_ and reach-es through our  
3. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, \_\_\_\_\_ and reach-es through our

arms, as we en - fold, through days of sor - row,  
arms. In times of shock, when we are reel - ing,  
arms. Whensuff-ring speaks, we feel the break-ing.

those of us who are hurt - ing. (to v2)  
we have held to each oth - er. (to v3)  
Then we join in the lift - ing. (to Coda)

Coda: God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er. \_\_\_\_\_

Chord markings: Eb, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Bb, Bdim, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, Eb, Cm, Ab, Fm7, Eb

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