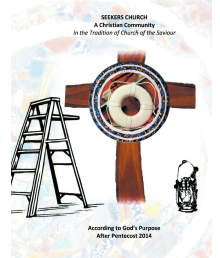


After Pentecost 2014 According to God's Purpose

REFLECTION

Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal. Walk out of your house like a shepherd.



Rumi, The Diwan of Shawms of Tabriz, number 3090

CANDLE LIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of the Way,
and celebrate the love of God in
Christ Jesus.

People: We come, listening for the call,
moved by the breath of Spirit within
us.

Leader: Let us search for the Holy One in
unexpected places,
in wild shrubs, yeast, and fields.

People: We open our hearts to the Holy One,
for in our brokenness
lies the treasure of the realm of
God.

Leader: Called according to God's purpose, we come.

All: May the Spirit guide our living,
our mission, and our hope.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SILENCE

PRAYERS

COMMON CONFESSION

Leader:
purposes

that we might be light

frightening world.

People:
in shadows,

truths,

the path that leads to you.

Leader:
seas,

we might reach out a hand,

their heads above water.

People:
slightest gust of wind,

others will overwhelm us,

Holy One, although your

are often hidden from us,

you have given us light so

in a shadowy and

Too often, we cloak ourselves

unable to show our deepest

unwilling to shed light on

You call to us from stormy

keeping us afloat so that

helping others to keep

Too often, we cower at the

afraid that the storms of

holding on to the illusion
that doing nothing will
save us.

Leader: You offer us a place of rest,
healing our souls so that
we might help others
who are broken and
hurting.

All: Forgive us, Holy One,
when we lean against the
wall of your strength
without offering others a
way to climb out of the pit.

ASSURANCE

Leader: The Holy One knows our shadows,
our fears, our brokenness,
and continues to invite us
into the mystery of God's
purpose.

We are forgiven even
before we know we have sinned.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

All: O Holy One, we come today

with you.

to grow together,

us with others

world.

have inflicted,

who have hurt us.

discipline

relationship with you;

your creation;

in solidarity with those in need;

and violence, and discord;

when you call,

as you have shown the way.

and your creation

is the Christ. Amen.

to claim our relationship

We pray for the commitment

sharing the gifts you give

here and in the wider

Forgive us for the hurt we

and help us forgive those

Give us strength and

to nurture our

to care for every part of

to foster justice and be

to work to end all war,

and to respond joyfully

freely giving our selves

We open our hearts to you

in the name of Jesus, who

HYMN

THE WORD

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Child,
Jesus,
source of hope in times of despair,
bringer of peace even as the storm rages.

People: We give you thanks for your Holy Church,
a lamp for our path,
a lifeboat in the raging tempest,
a channel for your healing grace.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat
the bread of life,
to drink the cup of the
new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of
life.

You who come to me shall
never hunger,

You who believe in me
shall never thirst.

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus
took bread,

and after giving thanks to
God, broke it and said,

This is my body,
broken for the healing of
the world.

remembering me. Whenever you eat it, do so

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup
and said,

covenant, This is the cup of the new

all. poured out for you and for

so remembering me. Whenever you drink it, do

All: O Holy One, send down your
Spirit

and cup that these gifts of bread

blood of Christ. may be for us the body and

forever Unite us with Christ

whole creation and bring us with the

to your eternal realm.

SHARE THE ELEMENTS

If you do not wish to receive the elements today you are welcome to join the circle and allow them to pass, or remain in your seat. We serve grape juice in our cups.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All:

healing presence

bread and cup.

faithfully

servants,

throughout the world.

God of abundance and mercy,

we give joyful thanks

for your eternal love and

in our celebration of

Bless this body of Christ

that we may attend

to our call to be your

with each other and

Amen.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader:

God's eternal love:

you are not alone.

Christ is with us,

Go forth with this reminder of

You are called by God, and

The Spirit of the Risen

beside us and within us,

guiding us according to

God's purpose.

All:

Amen.