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**SEEKERS CHURCH**  
*A Church of the Saviour Community*

**Epiphany 2022**  
**Unveiling Love**

**GATHERING**

**ENTRANCE**

**REFLECTION**

Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible  
--Anonymous

**LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Holy One,  
whose abundant love fills and surrounds us.

People: We come, wanting to tear down the veil  
that separates us from Love.

Leader: Come and worship, for the heavens reveal  
the glory of the Holy One.

People: Our hearts and bodies sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Holy One in Jesus,  
the revelation of unlimited love.

People: We worship Jesus, the Christ, in whom  
God's love is made visible.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Holy One in Spirit and truth.

All: We come to worship, for the Spirit opens our eyes to see  
and our hearts to share God's love.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN**

**WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SILENCE**

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**PRAYERS**

**CONFESSION**

Leader: Holy One, your unveiling love is there for all to see.

People: Like the people in Galilee, we struggle to see how Jesus makes your love visible.

Leader: Your love is abundant and never ending.

People: Like the disciples we try to fish in possibilities  
rather than opening our eyes to the abundance all around us.

Leader: Along with the Magi, you invite us to follow the star,  
to encounter the revelation of your love.

People: Forgive us Holy One for our hearts are limited, and we struggle to see  
the fullness of the love that you continually reveal to us.

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE:**

Leader: The Holy one forgives our limitations and blindness.  
Through Christ, God is unveiled to our hearts and minds,  
allowing us to see the fullness and abundance of Love.

All: Amen.

**THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**

**INTERCESSION AND PETITION**

**COMMITMENT**

All: O Holy One, we come today  
to claim our relationship with you.  
We pray for the commitment to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others  
here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted  
and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and discipline  
to nurture our relationship with you;  
to care for every part of your creation;  
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;  
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;  
and to respond joyfully when you call,  
freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you and your creation  
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

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**HYMN**

**THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

**OFFERING**

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## COMMUNION

### PREPARATION

Leader 1: This is the table of the heavenly feast,  
the joyful celebration of the people of God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.  
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once.

All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven, we make one circle  
of knowing, believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: Unveiling Love, we give you thanks  
for your abundant and unfailing grace.

People: We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus,  
who made your love visible  
and showed us how we too  
can be vessels for your grace.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit  
as she lives and moves and breathes among us.

People: We give you thanks for your Church  
where, in the company of your people,  
we are both nourished and challenged.

### 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 he gave himself up, Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
This is my body,  
broken for the healing of the world.  
Whenever you eat it, do so remembering me.

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,  
This is the cup of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for all.  
Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

All: O Holy One, send down your Spirit  
that these gifts of grain and grape,

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and work of human hands  
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Unite us with Christ forever  
and bring us with the whole creation  
to your eternal realm.

### SHARE THE ELEMENTS

As a sign of gathering in spirit while scattered, you may want to lift your bread and cup toward your camera.

Leader 1: The body of Christ, broken for all of us.  
Feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Leader 2: The cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world.  
Drink deeply of it.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy,  
we give joyful thanks  
for your eternal love and healing presence  
in our celebration of bread and cup.  
Bless this Body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants,  
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.

### SHARED REFLECTIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

### BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go out to follow the call of the Holy One,  
so that, in all that we do or say, we unveil Love.  
And let us greet all we meet with signs of peace.

People: Amen.