

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Call to Worship (1John 4:7)

One: Beloved, let us love one another,

Many: **Because love is from God.**

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way,

Many: **Jesus came into the world.**

One: Since God loved us so much,

Many: **We are called to love one another.**

Come, let us worship.

*Opening Hymn # 42

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, Creator of the universe and all living creatures, forgive us when we break faith with you by failing to love as we ought. We confess that we sometimes make bad judgments and cause undue stress on the ones we love. God, make us humble. Make us new in your image; recreate us, and set us free to love you and all your children well. We thank you for your unending love and forgiveness. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

Inviting the Children

by Tom Hunter

May the love of God fill you from your head down to your toes.

May it wiggle through your fingers and dance upon your nose.

May the people all around you help you live so loving grows.

May the love of God fill you up until it over flows.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 40:21-31

*"...those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles..."*

Sermon

Taking to Flight

*Communion Hymn # 33

Let us Break Bread Together

Offering

*Doxology #775

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, free our hearts to give in gratitude rather than guilt.
Bless our offerings for the work of your ministry here on Lummi
Island that we may share our resources, our sacred space, and our
compassion for all people, as we shine like the sun. Amen.**

Concerns and Celebrations

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Sung Response #788 (sung with repeat)

Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in my and you will not thirst.

Sharing Bread and Cup

All are welcome at this table.

*To receive communion, please come forward,
take a large piece of bread, and dip it in either the juice or wine.*

The wine is marked by a ribbon on the cup.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Gracious One, though we live in a world of need, here we have tasted
your goodness and hungered for a world more just. Though afflicted
by brokenness and division, here we have heard your call to be a
people of healing community. Though daily we touch our limits, here
we have received the fullness of your grace. Send us forth, O God, in
faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn # 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*Benediction

*Sung Response

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together. With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one body, That is why I sing.

Postlude

**please stand as you are able*