

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are the work of the Creator and we all have a place in his creation.

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: Heads for thinking.

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: Hands for working and feet for walking.

People: We are your hands and feet.

Leader: Hearts for loving.

People: We seek to share your love.

Leader: Ears for listening and mouths for praising.

People: We come to learn. We come to praise.

Leader: We are Christ's hands in the world. What he started we will continue.

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: Christ is alive in this world. He is alive in us.

People: We are the body of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, we are your children. If only the rest of the world could know what an amazing idea this is! We are the creations of the ultimate creator! We are the loved ones of a power so far beyond our comprehension that we can't begin to understand it ourselves. But we have faith. We have the faith that if we live by the light of your Word, then we will see Jesus. It's easy to get confused, God. It's easy to get it all backward. It's not enough to know the way you want us to live. We must be able to live that way. God, help us not to be lead astray by people with more toys than us. Help us to live right. And in living right, we shall be right with you. Because we shall be your children. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, all things come from you. There is nothing that happens in our lives without your knowing. We have so much, God. We take it all for granted. The sun comes up in the morning. The ocean rolls into the shore. The stars shine. The leaves change color. Thank you, God, for these gifts. Thank you for the people who love us in spite of ourselves. Thank you for your son who was nailed to the cross and who taught us to pray: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen