



# Word ALIVE

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## ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Children, youth, and adults, come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**Once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is poured on you forever.

**We rejoice at this news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

### MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### PRAYER

**How incredible is Your love, O God! We have been made new in Your love and reconciled to You and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear Your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve You more fully all of our days.**

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO THE WORD

Atonement. It's a big word with deep meaning. One description of atonement is cleaning out our sin so that our broken relationship with God is restored. Sin. That is a heavy word that we don't really like. Journalist Bryan Appleyard recently wrote "Sin doesn't really exist as a serious idea in modern life." If true, how can we as Christians communicate the meaning of the atonement in a society which has little sense of sin left? Sin has become just as tainted, polluted and defiled in the postmodern mind as the word itself indicates. Let's explore our need for atonement as required by God in Leviticus 16.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leviticus 16:29-34

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*At One With God*  
Pastor Jenn Lucas

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, and to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives. We pray, first in silence.

*Time for silent confession*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*Foundation*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our money, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

### MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

*O Come to the Altar*

## BENEDICTION

We leave this time of worship to return to the particular circumstances of our own lives. Let us go out strong in our faith and our hope because God our Father has made all things new in Jesus Christ. God sends us to witness to His love and to play a role in the new creation. May God, who knows our joy, our anger and our pain, guide us always, and may we be courageous, stay faithful and live a life worthy of the Christian faith. Amen.