

## March 17 VHUMC St. Patrick's Gathering

*Welcome*

### **The Prayer of St. Patrick**

Christ, be with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left.  
Christ when I lie, Christ when I sit,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me.  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Salvation is of the Lord,  
Salvation is of the Lord,  
Salvation is of the Christ,  
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.  
Amen.

- *St. Patrick*  
*Fifth Century*

### **Call To Worship**

L: Open your hearts to God's presence today.

**P: In the midst of isolation, we seek the connection in God's love.**

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

**P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.**

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

**P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

### **Morning Prayer**

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

## **Passing of the Peace**

Roll Call – who has gathered today?

## **Announcements**

## **Poem**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Idea: Words Make Worlds**

## **Offering**

Lord,  
from the abundance of your grace,  
your word has provided all that we need.  
All that we have is yours.  
Receive the offering of our hands  
and the gratitude of our hearts.  
In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

## **At The Table (conversation)**

*This is an open time of conversation about today's topic or theme.  
Time to talk about current events will follow the benediction.*

## **Closing Prayer**

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**Benediction**

Be strong in the Lord. You can walk in God's ways, for God is with you, offering you peace, hope, courage, and joy. God's love abides with you always. Go in peace. AMEN.