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That They May Be One

John 17:1-11

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One: When truth has been difficult, we have sometimes hidden from it.

All: When love has been costly, we have sometimes withheld it.

One: Still, Christ calls us to abide.

All: Still, the Spirit continues forming us into one body.

(A Moment of Silence)

Prayer of Grace

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One: Hear the Good News: Christ does not abandon us in our fragmentation.
Christ remains with us. Christ abides with us still.

All: In grace, we are gathered again. In grace, we are being made new.

One: Friends, we are not alone. We belong to one another in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message for the Young at Heart

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* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

* Praise Response *Take, O Take Me As I Am* (John Bell)

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal up on my heart, and live in me.**

Gospel Reading

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Sermon

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Hymn of Response

The Summons (John Bell)

[words on screen]

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

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* The Lord's Prayer

[traditional words on screen]

Please feel free to pray in whatever language you are most comfortable

Invitation to Generosity

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