

Sample Liturgy

Doxology

Call to Worship

Welcome to the Liturgy of Austin Mustard Seed. The word "liturgy" means "The Work of the People."

Friends and strangers.
Passionate believers.
Hopeful skeptics.
For this short moment, we are all participants and hosts.
Let us stand together for a moment of quiet.

(Wait for a short moment of silence)

Every generation has found its home in you, God our provider, and we discover that every moment spent in your holy presence lasts beyond all imaginable time. You watch over us in the night, protecting and leading, encouraging us to trust and to take courage in following your Son's teachings.

Full of wisdom, Creator of grace, you humbled yourself that we might learn to love those who have been swept aside by a world caught up in its own selfish affairs.

Witnesses to God's mercy, we are called to act in ways of love and of peace to all we meet in this life.

Thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus, and for his life.

Continue to be the dwelling place of our minds, our hearts and our souls.

We ask in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Two Songs

Prayer of Confession

Let us cry out to God as a community. Our response will highlighted in yellow.

Oh God, you have made us to be free, But we crave the cheap comforts of our chains.

You have made us to serve others, But we have eyes only for ourselves. You have made us to love,

But we are inflamed with lust.

You provide that we may be generous,

But we greedily hoard as if your well will run

dry.

You forgive time and again,

But we hold fast to the sins of others.

You offer light for our path,

But we insist on making our own way.

You are the God who saves.

Lord, save us from ourselves.

In your great mercy, restore and heal us, and grant us your peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Announcements

Break

Sermon

Prayers of the People

We want to invite you now into a time of prayer. This is an opportunity for us as a community to support one another and participate by sharing our prayer requests. Please keep your prayers brief so that others will have a chance to share as well.

Please stand where you are and speak up.

Begin by introducing yourself and say "Hello, my name is..."

If you have something you're thankful for, end your prayer with...

"Let us bless the Lord" and we'll respond together, "Thanks be to God."

If you have something you'd like prayer for, end your prayer with...

"Let us pray to the Lord" and we'll respond together, "Lord, have mercy."

(Then start off with a prayer of your own as an example.)

"With the prayers that have been spoken, and those that are unspoken, let us finish by praying the Lord's prayer together..."

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Eucharist

(We now come to the center of our Liturgy, the Eucharist. So please examine your hearts and pray this prayer with me. Your response will be highlighted in yellow.)

The peace of Christ is always with you. **And also with you.**

Most generous God, we celebrate your gift of creation, and we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

Your breath gives us life; you call us into new life.

You did not reject us when we rejected you, but you delivered us from separation and death

to a joyful life in communion with you and all your creatures.

Out of your desire to draw us into your love, Jesus was born into the human family and remained with people who were outcast.

He walks today among us. He touches us with your love. He gave himself freely to life, and triumphed over evil.

He restores us to life by refusing to abandon us

and remaining faithful to you and to us.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, and when he had given thanks to You.

he broke it, gave it to them and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all.
As often as you drink this, remember me."

Now come together to the table, passionate believers and hopeful skeptics alike. Come because the Lord invites us to this remembrance of Jesus' death, broken sinners in a disrupted world made right through the cross. Come as a people who expect that the Spirit who raised Jesus from that death is bringing new life. Come and proclaim together that God's work is not done.

The elements are gluten and alcohol free so that all may participate. Parents are invited to gather your children from class so that families can come together. The table is now open.

---(Communion is served: <u>come back to end</u> <u>Eucharist in prayer)---</u>

After Eucharist

Let us finish our time of communion together by reading aloud this prayer.

Holy loving God, you have nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and Blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth, this day and evermore.

Amen.

Tithing

We now come to the time where we remember that nothing in this life is truly ours, but that all is a gift from God.

We encourage you to celebrate God's generosity and to give back as God has given to us through the passing of the baskets or online. And if you are new or visiting for the first time, please be our guest and let the baskets pass.

This time is now yours, and we invite you to participate and worship.

Two Songs

Benediction

Austin Mustard Seed, as we leave today

May you lead a life worthy of your calling, always humble and gentle, always patient with each other.

Make every effort to be united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace, remembering there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father.

May we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son, that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in Peace, Live the Church, See you throughout the week.

Remember that lunch today is at Mandola's. We hope to see you there.

Please take a moment to say hello and clean up the space around you.