

# THE COLORS OF

Christ



*June 7, 2020*

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,

**All: We seek God.**

Leader: In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,

**All: We seek God.**

Leader: In the hope of life made new,

**All: We seek God.**

Leader: In the promise of a future forged in love,

**All: We seek God.**

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## CENTERING & LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God,

We gather this day in a strange way, separated by cars and screens, but not only these things. These last weeks, full of rage and grief across the country and right here in Lexington, have brought into sharp relief just how separated we have been and we might still be: separated by long histories of injustice, deep wounds of racial cruelty, and the horrors of human hatred. Subtler realities threaten to separate us further: like our own ignorance or indifference to the plight and pain of others, or what to do about it.

But no moment, God, is ever lost on you.

Untangle us from our fear and brokenness to face this moment with your strength of spirit, with your clarity of purpose, with your courage and confidence in the deeper way of Christ's love.

You have gifted us this moment, strange and unexpected as it might be, painful and overdue as it is for so many, to be right now who you have called us to be.

So unify us now not in some abstract idea or platitude about humankind, but in the hard work of Christ's sacrificial love: doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly... yes, the hard work of listening, and learning, and joining Christ in laying down our power, and our privilege, and our pride.

Unify us, God, in the gritty trust at the heart of faith; faith that you are right here, with us, in all our uncertainty, leading us through this moment, through this season, through the heartache and grief, leading us into a new world, your "kingdom come."

Yes, center us this day on your powerful presence, and remind us of the words which are for us a constant light and ever-ready guide, the words your Son, Jesus, taught us to pray, saying:

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-29

<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,\* heirs according to the promise.

## COMMUNION

*Place before you bread and a cup of juice (or whatever you have on hand to use). If you are with others, serve one another with the blessing, "The bread of life, the cup of hope."*

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### *THE BREAD*

"The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it..."

*Hold the bread and, if possible, break it.*

"...and said, 'This is my body which is for you, do this in remembrance of me.'"

### *THE CUP*

*Hold the cup. If you have not already, pour juice (or whatever you have on hand) into the cup.*

"After supper, Jesus took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.'"

## *PRAYER & MEDITATION*

*Receive and prayerfully enjoy the bread and the cup.*

## **GENEROSITY**

Tithes and offerings can be dropped off upon exiting worship or mailed to South Elkhorn. You can also give electronically with the Give+ mobile app on your smartphone or tablet, or use the online giving portal found at:

[southelkhorncc.org/give](https://southelkhorncc.org/give)

## **BENEDICTION**

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

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## **UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Outdoor worship** begins Sunday, June 14 in the “backyard” behind South Elkhorn. You can stay in your car, get out and worship on the lawn, or tune in by livestream from home. Please, bring your own communion elements from home, wear a mask if you worship on the lawn, and use the restroom before arriving. RSVP here or at [southelkhorncc.org](https://southelkhorncc.org) to learn the latest on worship, building usage, and more.

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