Focus on God

Candle Lighting

**Evening Prayer** 

Lord, I close this day acknowledging you as my God, my helper, my refuge, for it is your grace that sustained me all day. I lay down my burdens of the unwise choices, the unfinished tasks; I humbly ask that you may cover me in the blanket of mercy. I praise you with a joyful song of your salvation in which I find peace and hope through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

<sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The Word of God **The Word of Life** 

## Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Closing Song** 

Blessing