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with little thought of those who will come after us.  
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In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving;  
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### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
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You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

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You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
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Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
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you gave birth to your Church,  
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### **Breaking the Bread/Giving the Cup**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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Amen.*

**Closing Song**                      “Let Us from This Table Rise”                      (CCLI #2566551)

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude**                              “Take Our Bread”

**11:00a.m. Worship- “The Rock”**  
(Traditional service) **Holy Communion**

**Prelude**

“Arioso”

(J. S. Bach)

“Allegro from Sonata in Bb”

(W. A. Mozart)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(CCLI # 108389)

**Children’s Time**

**Proclamation**

“Are you the one?”

**Luke 7:18-23** (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples <sup>19</sup> and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>20</sup> When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’” <sup>21</sup> Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

*Some of the questions below are adapted from James Wagner’s devotional guide, The Spiritual Heart of your Health, Upper Room Books, 2002).*

Have you ever asked about Jesus, “Are you the one we should be looking for, or must we wait for someone else”?

What will it take to convince you that Jesus is who he says he is?

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### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
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### **\*Assurance and Peace**

#### **Praise and Prayer**

**Offertory** "Instrument of Grace"

(Joseph Martin)

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**\*Hymn of Response**      “Now Let Us from This Table”      (CCLI #2566551)

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Recessional**