A SERVICE OF THE TABLE MUSICAL SETTING A

HOLY COMMUNION (FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

Use the following liturgy if, for the portion of today's worship service dedicated to the Service of the Table (Holy Communion), the bulletin says UMH 17.

> (if the bulletin says UMH 7, 12, or 15; choose Service of the Table I, II, or III respectively)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE The United Methodist Church practices Open Communion. It does not matter your beliefs, disbeliefs, or unbeliefs, your affiliations or associations. It is the Lord's Table. Not ours. We do not set the guest list.

(The following liturgy will begin after today's sermon.)

Pastor: words in light print (M) **People's response: words in bold print (P)** [Directions are in red]

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

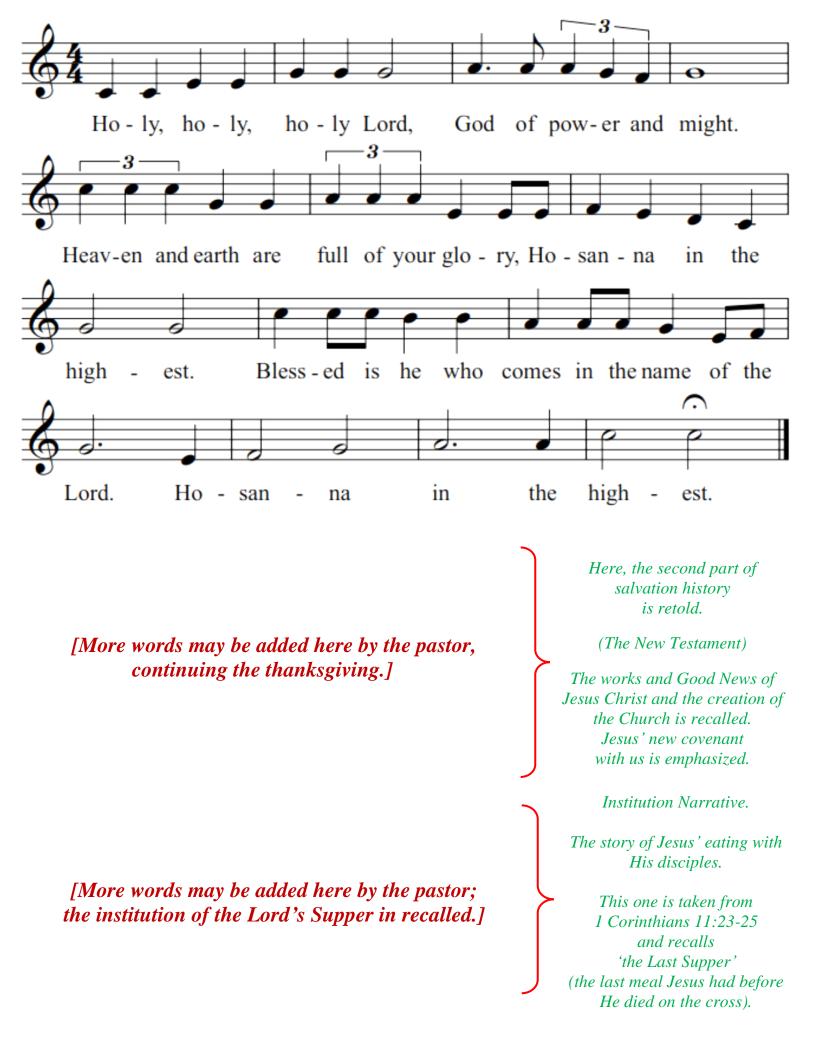
[The pastor takes the bread and cup and prepares them for the meal.]

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Sursum corda. M: The Lord be with you! or opening dialogue. P: And also with you! This greeting is between the pastor M: Lift up your hearts! and the people and invites each of P: We lift them up to the Lord! us to join in the giving of thanks, M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! just as we might give thanks over **P:** It is right to give our thanks and praise! an ordinary meal at home. *This begins the prayer, and the rest of The *M: It is right, and a good, and joyful thing, Great Thanksgiving is directed to God. always and everywhere to give thanks to You, *Here, the first part of salvation history* God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. is retold. (The Hebrew Bible or The 'Old' Testament) [Here, the pastor may add words appropriate We recount God's work throughout history, To the day, season, or occasion, beginning with the Creation of the universe and leading up to the time of Christ. Our remembering God's acts of salvation.] sinning and God's love are emphasized.

M: And so,

with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

[see the music below]



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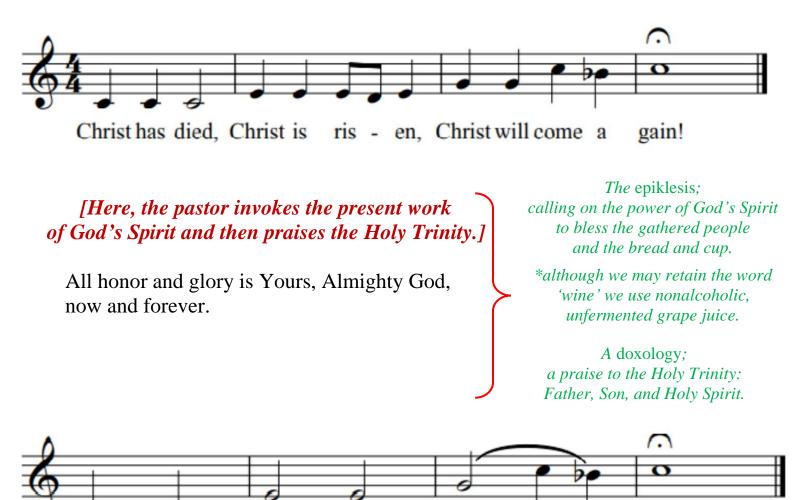
in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves [back] in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

[Traditional version]

<u>ALL</u>:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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!

[This version is used by Pastor Caleb]

<u>ALL</u>:

Our *Abba, in heaven, holy is Your name! Your kin-dom come! Your will be done on earth as in heaven! Give us today our daily bread! And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us! Let us not fall into temptation and deliver us from evil! For Yours are the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever! AMEN! *Alternate: 'Parent' (inclusive) or 'Father & Mother' (expansive)

BREAKING THE BREAD

[The pastor breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:]

M: Because there is one loaf,

we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

[*The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:*] M: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

[*The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:*]

M: The body of Christ, given for you. **P: AMEN!** M: The blood of Christ, given for you. **P: AMEN!** [When all have received, the Lord's Table is put back in order.]

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
[The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:[The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:

<u>ALL</u>: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord: AMEN!

(the worship service continues with Announcements / God-Sightings / A Call to Discipleship / A Hymn of Mission / Dismissal & Blessing) (please refer again to your bulletin)