

Call to Offering

Call to Worship

One: We long to hear the words of God

Many: Spoken through the stories of our ancestors

One: We long to act with courage

Many: Like the prophets who spoke to the powers and principalities

One: We long to seek God in all we do

Many: Teach us wisdom and knowledge so we may lead

Communion Meditation

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The Table. The Lord's Supper. Communion. Eucharist. So many different ways to name what we do each week, but it means the same thing – the hospitality of Jesus Christ. As Disciples, we can hear any of these terms and we know exactly what it means. It means we are about to gather to remember who we are, where we came from, and where we are going...

This same message of humility, history, and hope also rings true for newly graduated high school students who are about the head to college. Their home churches, and their communion experiences, are what they take with them when they leave us and go out into the world.

There is always room to expand our definition of the Table. This Thanksgiving season, as we remember together who we are, where we came from, and where we are going, let us remember all those seniors through the years we have loved and nurtured and sent off. Let us remember their journeys with us don't stop when the graduated high school. Therefore, we need to make sure we expand our table here to meet our students wherever they go. What better way to do that than support them with our dollars. Today as you come to the Lord's Table, pray for our college and seminary students, give thanks they got their start right here in this sanctuary, and consider helping to expand our own table to meet them where they are.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

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