

CLOSING WORSHIP
PW Churchwide Leadership Training
Albuquerque, New Mexico ♦ Wednesday, March 14, 2007

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *Psalm 96:1-2*

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song;

People: **sing to the LORD all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

People: **tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

Hymn "The House of Our God" (see insert)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

THE WORD

Hymn "I Come with Joy" (see next page)

Scripture *John 11:38-45*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Forgiven, Freed and Empowered"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Hymn “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” (see back page)

SENDING

Benediction

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Worship Leader—Leah Ellison Bradley, PW senior associate editor

Song Leader—Sharon Cely, Synod Representative, Synod of the Rocky Mountains

Accompanist—Jean Vieten, Synod Representative, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

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