

Prayer of Confession

God of Compassion:

called to be one body,

we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces.

Your children of love,

we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers.

Though your Perfect Love was broken for us,

we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world.

Abide in us, Vine Grower.

Forgive us of our sins,

so we may live boldly,

love fearlessly,

and proclaim unceasingly that in Jesus Christ

is abundant life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God’s love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

All: Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God’s love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

**Song of Joy#246

“Christ Is Alive”

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Children’s Time

Arta Smith

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40 (NT pg. 127)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

****Charge and Benediction**

One: ... and I know you will, for you are

All: The Salt of the Earth.

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World.

One: You are ...

All: The People of God.

One: And God goes with you.

Postlude

“Recessional”

Robert Cundick

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)

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