

Sam Shoemaker Community Lectio Service

- *Contemplative music will play as we join the service in silence*
- *Leader will assign one person to read the responses, readings, and psalms*
- *Ringing of the Bell*

~ Call to Gather ~

Leader: Lord, open our lips

Responder: *And our mouth shall proclaim our praise*

Leader: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

~ Confession ~

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Responder:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, by what we have done (short pause) and by what we have left undone (short pause). We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, heal all our defects of character and forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ; now strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of your Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

~ Recovery Reading ~ *(Assigned)*

~ Meditation Hymn or Silence ~

~ Lectio Divina ~ *(See the daily selection)*

Listening to the Word

- Leader asks a volunteer to read the scripture slowly
(Two minutes of silence – followed by a bell)
- Leader asks three or more to share **a word or phrase** that spoke to them
(without elaborating)

Responding to the Word

- Leader asks a second volunteer to read the same passage *slowly*
(Two minutes of silence – followed by a bell)
- Leader asks three or more to share how the passage spoke to them responding in one or two sentences: **“I hear....” or “I see....” or “I feel....”**

Carrying the Word

- Leader asks a third volunteer to read the same passage *slowly*
(Two minutes of silence – followed by a bell)
- Leader asks three or more to share a sentence or two beginning:
“Today, I believe God is guiding me to”

~ Psalm or Prayer ~ *(Assigned)*

~ Prayer of St. Francis ~

Leader:

Now let us come before our Creator with gratitude for all God's given us in our recovery as we hear the prayer of our brother Francis.

Lord, make us a channel of your peace

Responder:

That where there is hatred..... *We may bring love*

That where there is wrong..... *Forgiveness*

Discord..... *Harmony*

Error..... *Truth*

Doubt..... *Faith*

Despair..... *Hope*

Shadows..... *Light*

Sadness..... *Joy*

Lord, may we seek rather to comfort..... *Than to be comforted*

To understand..... *Than to be understood*

To love..... *Than to be loved*

For it is by self-forgetting that we find..... *It is by forgiving that we are forgiven*

It is by dying we awaken to eternal life..... *Amen*

~ Dismissal ~

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us

Responder: *Christ, have mercy on us*

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Responder: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~ Closing Hymn ~