



GATHERING

Music for Gathering	<i>Meditation on “Materna”</i>	Rev. Jim West
Sharing in the Life of the Community		
Gathering Song		<i>Bind Us Together</i>
Call to Worship		
Song of Faith & Opening Prayer		<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading		Philippians 1
Act of Praise	<i>By Grace We Have Been Saved</i>	Rev. Jim West
Message	<i>The power of a Pen Pal</i>	Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

THANKSGIVING

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Gathering at the Table of Christ
 Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness
 Breaking the Bread

SENDING

Song of Faith		<i>When We Are Living</i>
Sharing in a Time of Blessing		
Music for Parting	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	Rev. Jim West

CALL TO ACTION

Reread Philippians 1 and immerse yourself in the power of Paul's greeting, prayer, and witness. Then pull out a pen, paper, envelope, and stamp and consider who God is calling you to bless by becoming a pen pal. Do you know someone in a nursing home, residential care facility, or isolated from the community? How might you become a lifeline and source of hope for another person. How might you be blessed through this act of love?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Divine Author, thank you for being my pen pal. I rejoice in the power I experience through your Word and our holy conversations in prayer. Thank you for the good work you began in me. May I continue this good work of faith by reaching beyond myself to build a nourishing friendship with another. May they see the depth of my faith in all the circumstances of life: the trials, the triumphs, and the mundane. Either through me or in spite of me speak into the lives of others. So be it. I remain your Beloved Pen Pal, Amen.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... Job 42:8-11

Tuesday ... Matthew 9:35-38

Wednesday ... James 3:13-18

Thursday ... Psalm 22:3-5

Friday ... Psalm 13 & 69

Saturday ... 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ... Philippians 2

WORSHIP CREDITS

Call to Worship

- written by Thom Shuman, alt., and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Opening Prayer

- posted on Literature & Liturgy at <http://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/2012/04/30/an-opening-prayer/>

Prayer of Dedication

- Gill Le Fevre at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/offering?updated-max=2019-09-23T15:00:00-05:00&max-results=20&start=3&by-date=false>

Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

- Rev. Bruce Prewer at <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/54SUN25.htm>

Great Thanksgiving

- Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio

Pictures During the Message

- <https://www.startribune.com/in-minneapolis-covid-inspired-pen-pals-7-and-73-bond-over-letters-and-love-of-art/572183262/?ocid=uxbndlbing&refresh=true>