Senior Citizen's Sunday order of worship

Theme : Caring and Accepting the Elderly

Call to Worship

Minister : " Where two are three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them". Matt 18:20

Congregation : We need your presence on the long road, Lord the road between fear and hope. The road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection. Like the disciples waking the road to Emmaus. We are in need of your company. Jesus stand among us, in your risen power. Let this time of worship be hallowed hour. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Praise and Adoration

Leader: God of light and truth, you have been Wonderful in our lives as you pour out your power and love as a display of your grace, we humbly come before you and praise your name.

Congregation: O Lord, we thank you for your unending mercies.

Leader: You have been our Counsellor in those times when we were fraught with fear and confusion. You have been Mighty God when we were facing impossible situations. You have been our Everlasting Father as we face an unknown future.

Congregation: O lord, we thank you for your grace.

Leader: God our Father, Thank you for listening to us no matter how young or how old we are. Thank you for sending Jesus, who teaches us how to pray. We know that you always listen to us, help us to listen to you today and acknowledge your love to us.

Congregation: O Lord, we thank you for your love

Leader: Lord, in our loneliness, you have been our invisible companion, in our sickness, you have been our physician, in our conversations you have been our silent listener, and we thank you for being a source of strength and hope to us.

Congregation: O Lord, we thank you for your presence.

Leader: Almighty and loving God, You have given us eyes to see the light through Christ, sharpen our ears to hear your words, enable us to experience you in all that we do. Help us to sense your presence as we come and worship you.

Congregation: O Lord, we thank you for your sustenance.

All together: Gracious God, our Creator, Protector and Sustainer , we praise you and glorify your name for what you are to us in all our life situations. Empower and enable us to accept how we are in your presence, through Christ our Lord . . . **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (to be read responsively)

Voice 1 (Elder) : I am alone in this world. Throughout my 68 years of life I have taken care of my Wife, Children and family. I have toiled to provide for my family by sacrificing my time. I have not enjoyed the luxuries of the world, but I have provided all the necessities of life for my family. But, today I lack the basics of life. I do not have anyone to take care of me.

Congregation :Lord we come before you with a confession of forgetting the sacrifice of our elders and parents. We confess our selfishness to look into our own lives and forgetting the need of our elders. Forgive us O Lord.

Voice 2 (Elder) : I am a faithful wife, a dutiful mother and a diligent grandmother. I have taken care of my children, and I continue to take care of my grandchildren. My life revolves around my husband and my children. Yet, my contributions to the family are forgotten and taken for granted.

Congregation : Lord we come before you with a confession of ungratefulness for the contributions of the elders in our lives. We confess our lack of understanding of their roles in our lives. Forgive us O Lord.

Voice 3 (Elder) : I have attained status in my life that very few young people are yet to reach. I have been a person of power and position. Yet during my life I have failed to be a good example to the young people around me.

Congregation : Lord we come before you with a confession of omission. We have omitted the need to be good examples to the younger generation. We have attained many things in our life, yet, we have failed to help others attain the same. Forgive us O Lord.

Voice 4 (Elder) : I have misused my position as an elder by not working towards the unity of the family, church and society. As the elder, I have often created divisions instead of uniting people.

Congregation : Lord we come before you with a confession of failing in our commission. We have gone against your calling to unite all people. Help us and forgive us O Lord.

Absolution

Minister : May the Almighty and most merciful God give us grace to overcome our sins of omission and commission, so that we may be strengthened to work together for the glory of God in the lives of the people, so that in our togetherness, we may magnify the Name of the Lord. Amen.

The Bible readings may be read here.

1 Reading from the OT : Genesis 46: 28- 47 :1-10

2 Reading from the Epistle : 1 Timothy 5: 1-10

3 Reading from the Gospel : Luke 2: 25- 35.

(Modified version of the Apostles Creed to suit the occasion may be sail by all standing.)

Creed

I believe in God, who created life in its fullness as the promised goodness and mercy has followed all the days of our lives.

I believe in Jesus Christ the only begotten son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He was anticipated in the temple by prophet Anna and Simeon all the days of the old in wait of the Messiah. And Jesus fulfilled their desire of their heart and filled their lives with joy. As in the presence of the aged God acknowledged Jesus Christ to be the saviour of the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. And l believe in the unity of the church which is established upon the life and faith of the old age and grey hair now and always. Amen

Announcements

Offertory

Prayer and Benediction

Holy Eucharist may be continued.