

DINNER CHURCH – JUNE 2, 2024

ARRIVAL 5:45 – 6 PM

INTRODUCTION AND MUSIC

SINGING – *GATHER US IN* – PAGE 3

WELCOME

SUNG GRACE

(Tune: Hi Ho Hi HO by Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs)

We know! We know - from whom all blessing flow!
We thank God then, and say, "Amen!"
We know! Amen!

LET'S EAT!

Ice Breaker question: When was the last time you really took time to "not work?" What did you do? Who were you with? Were you aware of God during that time of "not working" or "rest?" (There are NO right or wrong answers -it's *your* experience)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING OVER OUR CHILDREN

Dear Lord, you said to "Let the little children come to you." We rejoice in the presence of each young person here tonight. Give them the courage to face challenges and to stand up for what's right. Teach them the value of being humble and to know that every person, including themselves, has worth and deserves to be treated with respect and kindness. Amen.

JESUS' STORY – MARK 2:23 – 3:6

²³ One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. ²⁴ But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ²⁶ He went into the house of God and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

***3** Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. ² Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's withered hand, they planned to accuse him again of working on the Sabbath.*

³ Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." ⁴ Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.

⁵ He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! ⁶ At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

DEVOTION

SHARING & LISTENING TIME

“What is one thing that you resonated with in the Jesus story tonight?”

“What would it look like for you to see your neighbor – like, really see your neighbor and to shower them with Jesus like love and mercy?”

We remember...

- **This is a “Listening time” - not “discussion time.”** The object of listening is to hear and VALUE what someone else is saying. The goal of this listening time is to hear how Jesus’ life affects and is influencing someone else’s life. The goal is not to agree or disagree with the person speaking. The goal is NOT to offer your opinion on their sharing and certainly not to change their minds about what they’ve just shared. The goal is to listen and to be amazed at how God is working in other people’s hearts and their life through the hearing of scripture. The goal is to listen – really listen – and be open to the possibility that God is working to bring healing to withered and hardened hearts – perhaps our own in a way that we didn’t even know was needed.
- **Keep sharing for 2 mins. Mr. Tom will keep time and then gently remind us, 30 seconds before the sharing time has come to an end – to finish our thought.**
- **We want to be certain that everyone has a chance to share if they want to.** If, however, someone wants to just listen tonight... that’s wonderful and okay too.
- Once everyone is finished sharing, **please feel free to go back and share with one another** what you learned from each other about Jesus and Jesus’ story this evening.

SINGING – SONG ON NEXT PAGE

COMMUNION & BLESSING

Because Jesus is the host and we are all guests around His table, Communion is open to everyone who desires a closer relationship with Jesus.

- Take bread.
- Dip into the cup.
- **HOLD IT** until instructed to partake.
- *Everyone will commune together.*

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Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B \flat Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream- ing, sha- dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys- tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re- ceive new life in the wa- ters; here we re- ceive the
 4. Not just in build- ings, small and con- fin- ing, not in some heav - en,

C G D A C G

van- ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream- ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through- out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh- ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu- man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres- ent, and now is the day.

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A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com- pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for- ev- er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, bro - ther,
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you
 4. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall
 5. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, sis - ter,

1. let me walk with you; pray that I may
 2. trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to
 3. laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
 4. find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've
 5. let me walk with you; pray that I may

1. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 2. help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 3. joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.
 4. known to - geth - er of great love and ag - o - ny.
 5. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

Say: "Please stay and chat as long as you like. Please know that everyone is encouraged to jump in and help clean up the dishes and the repositioning of the tables and chairs. Just like mealtime - everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in the fellowship of serving one another by straightening up so the entire task doesn't fall on only a few. Thank you for being here for Dinner Church; for sharing a part of your story, and most of all for sharing your faith in Jesus with me and one another. Be at peace."