

Bread of Life Church Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: *Throughout scripture, bread is a constant image for having what is needed to life. Bread is literally the foundation for physical sustenance. Many of the most important stories of our tradition involve feeding miracles that rely on it...Manna was given in the desert, the widow shared her last crumbs with Elijah, Jesus multiplied the loaves for the crowd...Without physical bread, there is no life.*

Community: *At the same time, bread is not enough. Life is more than physical sustenance. When facing the tempter, Jesus responded that people cannot live by "bread alone." There is another kind of bread, another foundation to sustenance, which is beyond the physical. The eternal.*

Leader: *Abundant life requires both forms of bread. Our church seeks to live in the intersection of both dimensions where truest life is found.*

Community: Confession

God of our ancestors, we confess our attempts to 'play God' as we manage things for our advantage. We rely on our own wit and wisdom instead of seeking spiritual depths. We imagine that our hungers can be satisfied by bread alone. Forgive us, God, for the separation we create, cutting us off from sisters and brothers and from you. Save us from ourselves, we pray.

Personal Silent Confession

Leader: Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. As Jesus healed the hurting, he forgives and gives us new life, restoring us to wholeness from all that separates us from who God created us to be.

Community Prayer

Song

Scripture and Teaching

Communion

Offering

Announcements

Worship Leader

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:37-39

Benediction (Together)

Go now in Peace.

May the Love of God surround you,
May the Grace of God astound you,
May the Hope of God ground you.

AMEN