

July 29, 2018 - JOHN 6:1–21 (Feeding the Five Thousand)

Share Generously

Additional Scriptures

2 Kings 4:42–44, Psalm 145:10–18, Ephesians 3:14–21, Mosiah 2:32, Doctrine and Covenants 161:1

Worship Setting

Have an arrangement of baskets for the worship setting. Turn some of the baskets sideways with canned goods, nonperishable food, or fruit coming out of them. Encourage congregants ahead of time to bring items to the service this week for a food pantry donation. Congregants could bring their donations forward during the Disciples' Generous Response or the Focus Moment.

Prelude

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Gathering Hymn: "As We Gather"

CCS 73

Welcome and Call to Worship:

Psalm 145:10–13a:

All living things shall thank you, Lord, and your people will bless you. They will talk together about the glory of your kingdom and mention examples of your power. They will tell about your miracles and about the majesty and glory of your reign. For your kingdom never ends. You rule generation after generation. (*The Living Bible*)

* Opening Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CCS 98

* Opening Prayer

* Response

Prayer for Peace

Light the peace candle.

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Gracious and loving God, as we gather to worship you today, we remember your wish to bless all of your creation. So, we pray for the power of your peace to be freed in the world. We seek your clarity and your courage: clarity to recognize injustice against the most helpless in our society, and courage to act on their behalf. Help us to challenge the systems within our influence that value the wealth of some over the health and safety of the most vulnerable. God, you showed us your love, in Christ's life, ministry, and death. We want to live out the depths of your compassion. We pray for those nearby and far away whose home is the street and whose constant companions are need and fear. We pray for those whose innocence has been compromised by greed or neglect. We pray for those whose conscience has been crippled by racism, hate, or wealth; for those whose eyes have been blinded and hearts hardened by excess, by harm, or by ego. We ask your Spirit's nearness when we fail or stumble as we try to uphold each one as a child of yours. We need your presence so we will not be discouraged in

our efforts, or lose sight of the ways in which your love connects us to one another. We believe your kingdom is a place where each person can know their worth, to you and to the world as a whole. Guide us individually and as a body as we strive to create a space for your kingdom among us. We offer this prayer to you, that Christ's way might more fully become our way.

—Charmaine Chvala-Smith, adapted

Disciples' Generous Response

Offertory Statement

Blessing and Receiving of our Offerings (*Congregants bring forward food donations while ushers receive the monetary donations.*)

Hymn of Generosity "Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You"
(*Sing as the offering is received*)

CCS 609

The Message: Based on John 6:1–21

* Hymn of Sending Forth: "Send Me Forth"

CCS 651

* Benediction

* Response

Postlude