

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS -
INVITATION TO PRAY**

*Let us prepare to meet the God of Love in thanksgiving and joy,
remembering his command to love.*

**Glory to you, Father,
for you reveal yourself in your creation
and call all people to live in your presence.**

**Glory to you, Christ Jesus,
for you give yourself entirely to each one of us
and invite us to do the same.**

**Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you gather us together in love and unity.**

**Glory to you, God of Love,
in whom we are created, redeemed & made one.
Amen.**

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **110**

LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Let us turn our hearts to God in praise:

*Praise to you Lord ... for all the women and men
who sow seeds of love and hope for their neighbors around the world.*

Lord, we praise you.

*Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus your Son,
... and for the gift of the Good News of salvation.*

Lord, we thank you.

*God of love, we adore you for the generosity of your love for all people –
... continue to fill our lives with your love through the Holy Spirit.*

Lord, we adore you.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Our ... desire to possess and control separate us from God.

{ SILENCE }

Merciful God:

Forgive and heal us.

*... we build walls of division, ...
and abandon the Lord's command to love one another.*

{ SILENCE }

Merciful God:

Forgive and heal us.

*... In our lack of compassion, we no longer see Jesus
in those who are different from ourselves.*

{ SILENCE }

Merciful God:

Forgive and heal us.

*the world is darkened by selfishness, violence,
indifference and absence of meaning.*

{ SILENCE }

Merciful God:

Forgive and heal us.

... forgive us our sins and transform us by your Holy Spirit.

Glory to God, whom we praise with one voice.

Holy God! Holy Strong!

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 18:1-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 138

*R I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
... you have exalted your name and your word above everything.*

On the day I called, you answered me.

*... All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

On the day I called, you answered me.

*... though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.*

On the day I called, you answered me.

*... your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

On the day I called, you answered me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHOIR

Trust and Obey

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:25-37

SERMON / HOMILY

HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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CANTICLE OF LOVE

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HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... we pray that all people may come to know your unlimited mercy
and believe in your desire to fill us with your infinite love.

Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

*we pray that we may work together for your greater glory
and spread the Good News of salvation for all.*

Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

*Enliven us by your Spirit and send us again, two by two,
to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.*

Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

*Strengthen our resolve to be kind and merciful and to act
towards our sisters and brothers at all times as you do towards us.*

Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

*open our hearts ... so that we may love you more
and love our neighbor as ourselves.*

Fill us with your love! Make us one in you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

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CLOSING PRAYER

Daily Prayer for Christian Unity of the Chemin Neuf Community.

**Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one,
we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,
according to your will, according to your means.**

**May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.**

SENDING

*Refreshed by the water of life,
let us go forth to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves,
united in Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit.*

Everything we can do together, let's do it! Amen!

POSTLUDE

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

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Questions for Reflection

Psalm 62 ends by saying,

“God, you repay to all according to their work.”

Some of us may find that statement unsettling.

Would you rather have God treat you

with the payment you deserve

or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

Morning Prayers:

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—
mourning or gladness, buying or selling—

help me to focus on you throughout it all.

Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Loving God, thank you for the assurance
that I live forgiven and loved by you.

I need your grace and

want to share your grace with others.

As I face this night, help me to pour out my heart to you
and then rest in peace. Amen.

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