



*SAMPLE SERVICE FOR USE ON ICCC SUNDAY IN MEMBER CONGREGATIONS*

**PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION**

Come, Holy Spirit, teacher of the humble, judge of the arrogant. Come, hope of the poor, refreshment of the weary, rescuer of the shipwrecked. Come, most splendid adornment of all living beings, the salvation of the mortal. Come, Holy Spirit, have mercy on us, imbue our lowliness with your power, meet our weakness with the fullness of your grace. Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation.

**INVITATION TO CELEBRATION (*Responsive*)**

Leader: We have come from different places and with varied experiences in life.

**People: We gather to celebrate our life together in the body of Christ.**

Leader: We have come with thanksgiving to God who created us one and all.

**People: We gather to celebrate our life together in the International Council of Community Churches.**

Leader: We have come for the love of God in Christ in and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We gather to share God's love with one another and for God's world.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**HYMN**      *In Christ There Is No East or West* (2006/#12)

**REMEMBERING WHAT WE SAID (Unison)**

**By the grace of God, we join brothers and sister in the fellowship of the ICCC:**

**To be faithful to the prayer of Jesus Christ that "they many all be one;"**

**To witness to the inclusive of love of God that overcomes all divisions;**

**To love and serve God, God's people, and God's creation;**

**To seek and share the truth;**

**To build toward a new world of peace;**  
**To affirm individual freedom of conscience; and**  
**To affirm communities of justice, mercy, and love.**

## **ANTHEM**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**HYMN**        *Sing A New Church* (2005/#1) or *The Community Church* (2005/#8)

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

## **WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**HYMN**        *We All Are One in Mission* (2009/#7) or *Help Us Accept Each Other* ((2009/#6)

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Grant us confidence to witness peacefully to the heart of our faith, and the path you have called us to follow.

**People: Help us to be hospitable, and to listen to our neighbor's story: their aspirations, hopes and fears.**

Leader: Save us from asserting our own righteousness and from judging others by our own narrow grasp of truth.

**All: In a society where so many spirits are broken, help us to be people of peace, justice, and love.**

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