

# Opening Prayer:

Creator-Father, in Adoration of your goodness, we gather to pray and to praise you, to hear your word and to find hope for our lives.

In celebration of your love, We recognize the weakness of our love, which has caused us to be unwilling to - ward our neighbor. Inspire us with your forgiveness, so that we may embrace those who offend us as well as be restored to those to whom we have given offense. In the joy of your presence give us, Renew us to live as your restored children through Jesus Christ, the resurrected and Preserving our lives

# Pastoral Prayer:

Let us not sidestep your questions, fold gears, or ignore signs and wonders or miss the fife or ignore the sheep. Encourage us through the Holy Spirit to be those who love your lambs with the care you instructed us to give, cherish us by your ~~word~~ word to watch over your sheep, nurturing them lovingly - those who live in splendor as well as those who live sparsely and sparingly; those ailing in body as well as those ailing in spirit; those faithful and generous as well as those faithless and Denurious. This day, Lord, by our actions and expressions

to love you as much ~~as~~ as did  
your disciples of the past, and more  
so, if you will enliven our hearts. To  
your glory, we pray. Amen

