

Opening Prayer:

Lord of life and our corner of death,
we seek your presence at this time as we
begin what we call worship. Without you,
O Lord, our worship is empty form. But
with you, it becomes life transforming
communion with the source of creation.
Enter our worship now, O Lord, and make
it real. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer: O God, may we witness
in both deed and word to your reality and
to your love. Save us, Lord, from blighting
our witness with fears of danger or the nourish-
ing of hatred in our hearts! Save us, too, from
that most afflictive of false Christianity —
self-righteousness. Help us to cheer the Sopping
by our sympathy, to freshen the drooping
by our hopefulness, and to strengthen, in all
we meet, a subsidence sense of worth in your sight
and a joy in the fullness of life. If any have need,
make us ready to render help ungrudgingly, re-
joicing that we have been counted worthy
by our God to be of assistance to a fellow human.

We continue to rejoice in Jesus' victory
over death, and we look forward to the day
when He shall return to fully restore this
earth to the goodness with which you originally
created it. In the meantime, we are yours to
use in whatever ways you see fit. Use us,
Lord, to your glory. Amen —