

## **Dementia-Friendly Service of Worship Liturgy**

As our congregations continue to age, the number of worshipers with dementia increases. Your church can choose to offer dementia-friendly worship services, or make accommodations in worship for this population. These are some guidelines to use to plan worship for those with dementia:

- Sing familiar hymns each week. (ie. “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”)
- Five-minute sermons are about the maximum attention span of those with dementia.
- When reciting the Lord’s Prayer, invite each person to speak their familiar version.
- Offer large-print bulletins.
- Print the hymn lyrics in the bulletin.

**No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here.**

### **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The scripture verse of the day comes from Psalm 121, verse 8, which says, ***“The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”***

**HYMN**        *“Jesus Loves Me”*

The verse of the day: ***“The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”***

### **SERMON**

**HYMN**        *“Faith of Our Fathers”*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(allowing for whatever version you have learned)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**HYMN**        *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

The verse of the day: **"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."**

### BENEDICTION

#### Resources:

Website: [Alzheimer's and Dementia](#)

#### Books:

- Wayman, Laura. *A Loving Approach to Dementia Care: Making Meaningful Connections With the Person Who Has Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementia or Memory Loss*. (Johns Hopkins University Press 2011).
- McFadden, Susan. *Dementia-Friendly Communities: Why We need Them and How We Can Create Them*. (Jessica Kings Publishers, 2020)
- Mace, Nancy, and Peter V. Rabins. *The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for People with Alzheimer Disease, Other Dementias, and Memory Loss*. (John Hopkins University Press, 2025)

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