

GARDEN OF EDEN CHURCH
Meeting at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort, Rec Hall
Sunday 11 AM

“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (Matthew 6:28-29)

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Hymns and Bible Readings on white board

All: (Please stand if you are able.) Opening Hymn

Leader: Welcome to this meeting of Garden of Eden Church. We are here to grow in knowledge of God’s Word and how to apply it to our lives. We enjoy the fellowship of believers in prayer and worship in the context of our nudist community. We seek to honor God through the Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm the goodness of our bodies exactly as God created them. We gather together for mutual encouragement and fellowship.

Anthem

Opening Prayer

At this time, please say hello to a neighbor and share something about yourself.

All: Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
The third day he arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Reader: Old Testament Reading

Leader: Pass the elements for Communion

All: Prayer of Confession: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
(*Episcopal Book of Common Prayer*)

Leader: Absolution

The Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness; therefore we are forgiven! We are cleansed of all unrighteousness, and we are worthy to partake of this holy meal.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Partake of the body of Christ.
(Silent prayer)

Matthew 26:27-29

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

Partake of the blood of Christ.
(Silent prayer)

¹ Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Prayer of thanks.

All: (Please stand if you are able.) Hymn

Reader: New Testament Bible Reading

Leader: Announcements and Message

All (in turn):

First Reader:

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer....

All Your Saints who are depending on Your Holy Spirit,

Including all of those who minister in Your Name,

Those who suffer persecution because of their Love for You,
Those who are called according to Your Purpose,
That we might remain in You as You remain in us
With all of our needs met, our hearts encouraged
and our spirits kept strong as we carry out your work
in the mission fields of this world.

Next Reader:

We pray....

For the workers of compassion and mercy,
For parents, teachers, social workers,
For protection, and rescue officers
For those in our armed services,
And for all those who are in service to others,
In our country and throughout the world;
That these loving souls may have everything that they need,
Right on time, for their good works,
For their missions and their ministries;
That through them, help may reach those in need
While these workers remain strong and encouraged themselves.

Next Reader:

Lord God, we pray

For our National and World Leaders,

For our Commanders in Chief
And all National and International Public Servants
Down through our state and local community workers,
That they might seek Godly Wisdom
In all their affairs and decisions
And that they too, have all the resources needed
To govern in a Godly manner
and lead, according to Your Will.

Next Reader:

We lift up in prayer

Those who are sick or suffering in any way;
That comfort reaches them, healing encourages them
With hope sustained.

Next Reader:

Lord God, we pray...

That you would help us to become willing
To do Your Will in all ways,
To seek Your Voice in all our affairs,
To be willing to stand fast in what needs to remain and
To be willing to change what needs to be changed,
To remain teachable and open
To all the ways in which You speak to us

That we might remain humble and entreat-able
No matter what the position or office
That You have placed us in to serve;
Help us see others through Your Holy Spirit, as You see them,
Help us forgive and help us ask for forgiveness when needed.
Help us forgive ourselves when we err,
And lead us back to the ways of the Spirit
That we might act no longer in error,
But joyfully live by the leading of Your Spirit.

Next Reader:

Be with us Jesus...

We wish to walk with You every day
And feel You with us each moment
To share Your Beauty and Grace with everyone we meet.
Let it shine from our eyes Lord and be felt in our touch.
Let it resound in our voices
That it might be celebrated in all we do,
That the work of our hands be worship
That the song from our hearts be praise,
That our laughter break through any sadness and
That our tears can be of the joy and strength that we find in You
As we share all these things with one another, as Family.

Next Reader:

Jesus, you comforted us when you said.. “Be not afraid, for I have overcome the world”...

So we ask Lord, that you help us remember You always

And keep our eyes on You throughout the trials of life

And through these changing times

That our joy and our strength would be in You

That You would use us to be a blessing and bring comfort to others

As we are also blessed and comforted.

Next Reader:

Now, I lift up my family Lord, each member to you,

I lift up my extended family, friends and acquaintances,

I lift up my community Lord, each member to You,

I lift up my Spiritual family Lord, each member to You,

I lift up those members of

your Church, your Body

Who are throughout all the world,

That they might be blessed and protected

And have all that they stand in need of.

Next Reader:

I lift up those whom You have brought to my attention

Who stand in need of prayer.....

I bring to You these concerns of my heart.... *(allow time for silent prayer)*

I place my confidence and hope in You and Your Guidance.

Next Reader:

I thank You now....

For all the blessings and resources that You have sent;

Help me use them Lord, the way You intended.

And I thank you....For the fulfilment of prayer.

I thank you that You are Who You are

Today, always and forever.

We thank you for the precious gift of eternal life,

earned for us through your redemptive suffering on the cross.

We pray that the gospel truth of salvation through the forgiveness of sins,

Your amazing grace and abounding love in calling all men to Your throne of mercy,

to be Your beloved children,

will go forward throughout the whole world.

Teach us, O Lord, to be in You and You in us,

that we might be willing vessels of Your Truth and Light

in all that we say and do.

We ask all these things in the great and powerful Name of Jesus,

comforted in the knowledge that the day will come, according to your Word,

when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess,

that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: Take and pray for prayer requests.

All: Please stand with us and join hands for the Lord's Prayer (trespasses).

Closing Hymn 813 - Glory Be to the Father

If you have not yet received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we encourage you to do so right now in the quietness of your heart. We invite you to speak with us after the service to plan for your baptism, or to discuss any other things you would like to talk about individually.