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Order of Worship
12 September 2021
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer eries: Open

Sermon Series: Open Table Sermon: "Open "

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology







Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not. We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...). We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth. We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world. We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

Open Table

Episode 1: "Open" Pastor Kris Beckert Luke 5:27-32

Has a meal around a table ever changed you?

Luke 5:27-32

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

The 3 Tables where God is at work:



I. The	_of Jesus' table choice
 The Rule of Dining But Jesus 	
II. The	of Jesus' table choice
 Choosing Accepting an invitation 	to
III. The	of Jesus' table choice
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Where do you find yourself in the story?	
Big Idea:	

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. Have you ever experienced God's presence in a non-church, "secular" setting? If so, when?
- 2. Have you ever felt unworthy to come to the Lord's Supper? To church? Where did that sense of unworthiness come from? What has helped overcome it?
- 3. How does Jesus' choice of Levi as a disciple and dinner at Levi's table challenge our perceptions of God's grace and who God chooses?
- 4. What factors currently shape your decision about who to dine with?
- 5. What setting or environment can you be a guest this week—to observe, listen, and be present to what God is doing there?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

