

OPENING PRAYER May 17, 2026 Sunday Worship

John 17:1-11

O gracious, patient God, you call us to yourself. You have sent forth your Holy Spirit so we may forever be connected to you, through Jesus Christ, your son our Lord. We have gathered to worship you and we long to hear your word and internalize it for our lives. Please take away from us those things that keep us from being open to your word.

Surround us today with your love, envelop us with your grace, and clothe us with your compassion. Your generous gifts allow us to be encouraged and strengthened as we endeavor to follow Jesus more fully. We seek to know him so we might know you and taste eternity by living in the kin-dom now. For Jesus said, the kin-dom of God is among you. It is here whenever we care for one another in your love. Let it be so with us. We pray in Jesus' holy name, Amen.