

Welcome Table and Centering

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Wednesday: Two individuals carefully place six chairs at the table and adorn each chair with colorful fabric across the backs.

*Reader 1: **At God's table, all are welcome and worthy. This evening we** placed chairs at the table with colorful fabric to represent everyone's beauty and uniqueness.*

Reader 2: May we all see one another, hear one another and listen to one another as we navigate and experience life's sacred and holy encounters.

Thursday: Two individuals make a centerpiece with fabric and candles and light.

*Reader 1: **At God's table, all are welcome and worthy. This evening we** created a centerpiece to welcome a spirit of belonging.*

Reader 2: We're all worthy to celebrate and hold one another in the light. May Christ's light lead us, direct us and hold us.

Friday: Two individuals set each spot with a placemat, plate and silverware.

*Reader 1: **At God's table, all are welcome and worthy. This evening we** set the table with placemats, plates and silverware with plenty of room for growth.*

Reader 2: May each place that we find ourselves allow us room to grow, to learn, to be challenged and to trust the Holy Spirit to hold us all.

Saturday: Two individuals place a cup at each spot and fill each cup with water.

*Reader 1: **At God's table, all are welcome and worthy. This evening we** placed cups at each spot to be vessels of living water.*

Reader 2: Living water has the power to transform and to guide. May we embrace the living water that continues to cover us, replenish us and keep us.

Sunday: Two individuals fill each cup with water again and place a napkin at each place along with a small gift at the center of each plate.

*Reader 1: **At God's table, all are welcome and worthy. This evening we** placed napkins at every seat along with a small gift.*

Reader 2: Life can be hard and sometimes it is messy. May we share and hold one another's stories as we navigate through holy dialogue at the table. May we celebrate and share gratitude for the space we all share.