

*** We invite you to stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite members, friends, visitors to record visit by signing the attendance pad.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE (church bell tolls)

INTROIT* "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" The Faith We Sing #2271

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We come in celebration and song.

One: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

All: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

One: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

All: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" Black Hymnal #395

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-16 (CEV)

Jesus said to his disciples: A rich man once had a manager to take care of his business. But he was told that his manager was wasting money. So the rich man called him in and said, "What is this I hear about you? Tell me what you have done! You are no longer going to work for me." The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now that my master is going to fire me? I can't dig ditches, and I'm ashamed to beg. I know what I'll do, so that people will welcome me into their homes after I've lost my job." Then one by one he called in the people who were

in debt to his master. He asked the first one, "How much do you owe my master?" "A hundred barrels of olive oil," the man answered. So the manager said, "Take your bill and sit down and quickly write '50.'" The manager asked someone else who was in debt to his master, "How much do you owe?" "A thousand sacks of wheat," the man replied. The manager said, "Take your bill and write '800.'" The master praised his dishonest manager for looking out for himself so well. That's how it is! The people of this world look out for themselves better than the people who belong to the light. My disciples, I tell you to use wicked wealth to make friends for yourselves. Then when it is gone, you will be welcomed into an eternal home. Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. If you cannot be trusted with this wicked wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? And if you cannot be trusted with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something that will be your own? You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

MESSAGE

"Counting Change"

Pastor Anne Kadue

HYMN

"What a Covenant"

Black Hymnal #471

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER*

Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line. Yet, you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, and justice. And so, we pray in the name of Jesus, whose life and death paid our debt. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN* "Just as I Am" Black Hymnal #207

CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION* (extinguishing of candles & church bell)

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

Large Print bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
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You are loved.❤️

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**Welcome to
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