

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

**INTROIT\*** “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

### **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We invite all to participate by signing the attendance pad located in each pew. If you are a guest and visiting with us – we are glad you are here.*

### **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **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: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

**All: We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.**

One: Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

**All: We come on your invitation, needing healing.**

One: Be healed by God’s gracious mercy.

**All: We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.**

One: In Jesus’ Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

**All: Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.**

### **OPENING PRAYER\***

**All: Gracious and Patient God, as we come to you this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on you. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. Amen.**

**HYMN** “The Church’s One Foundation” Red Hymnal #545 vs 1,2,4

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 21:33-46 (CEB)

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

“Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the

same way. Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. “But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes?* Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

One: Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** “Harvest Time” Pastor Anne Kadue

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “Spirit of Gentleness” Words and Music by J.K. Manley

### **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.**

**HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us” Red Hymnal #398 vs 1,4,5

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All: Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, and too many of us have opted for a “faith-lite” experience. One day a week or a couple of times a month has been a better fit. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we dwell in and are sustained by your vineyard. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**OFFERING & HYMN**

“Something Beautiful”

Red Hymnal #394

**DOXOLOGY\***

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SENDING & CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION\***

**All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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.

**CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS**

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*You are loved.*❤️

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