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

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

## **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## 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: Good morning! May God's blessings be with you this day!
- Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you also! All:
- One: May the light of Christ's love shine on you today.
- All: May the peace of Christ be in your heart.
- One: Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord. Amen. All:

## A MOMENT OF SILENCE

### **OPENING PRAYER\***

All: God who cares, we flourish in your compassion. You search for us and find us. You, Holy One, surround us with the power of your abundant love and utmost care. Be present among us as we praise your name, bring our burdens to you, and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do. Amen.

HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Red Hymnal #454

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46 (CEB) "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him,

he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you

gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

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

MESSAGE	"Values vs. Beliefs"	Pastor Anne Kadue

CHOIR ANTHEM "Reasons to Thank You" Words & Music by Pepper Choplin

#### 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**

All: God of abundance, we confess that we have not trusted you with our full hearts. We worry that we might not have enough - not just in our own lives, but also as part of your church. Forgive us when we have been afraid to believe that you have enough to meet every need the world had in the past, has now, and will have in the future. Amen.

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 PEACE\*

All: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

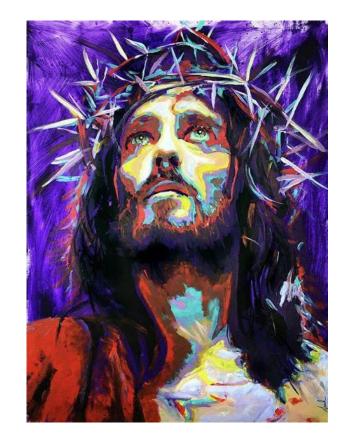
We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children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

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