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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,  
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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## WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

\*HYMN: #400 – Christ is Made a Sure Foundation

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come away and rest for a while.

**Many: We have come for relief from life's turmoil.**

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

**Many: This is God's house, and we are God's children**

One: We have a covenant with our Creator.

**Many: God calls for righteousness and justice.**

\*INVOCATION (unison)

**Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*I'm Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathryn Cobban

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 20**

- 1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.
- 3 May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah
- 4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.
- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.
- 7 Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.
- 9 Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON: Recognizing Jesus

## **WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

\*HYMN: #502 – Dear God, Embracing Humankind

## **WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY INVITATION**

We bring a portion of all God entrusts to us to be used for the mission of the church, in this community, throughout our land and around the world. We express our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the peace we know deep within. Let us follow the model of God's generosity. The morning offering will now be received.

\*DOXOLOGY #780 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs.**

**Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

\*HYMN: #573 – Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

### **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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