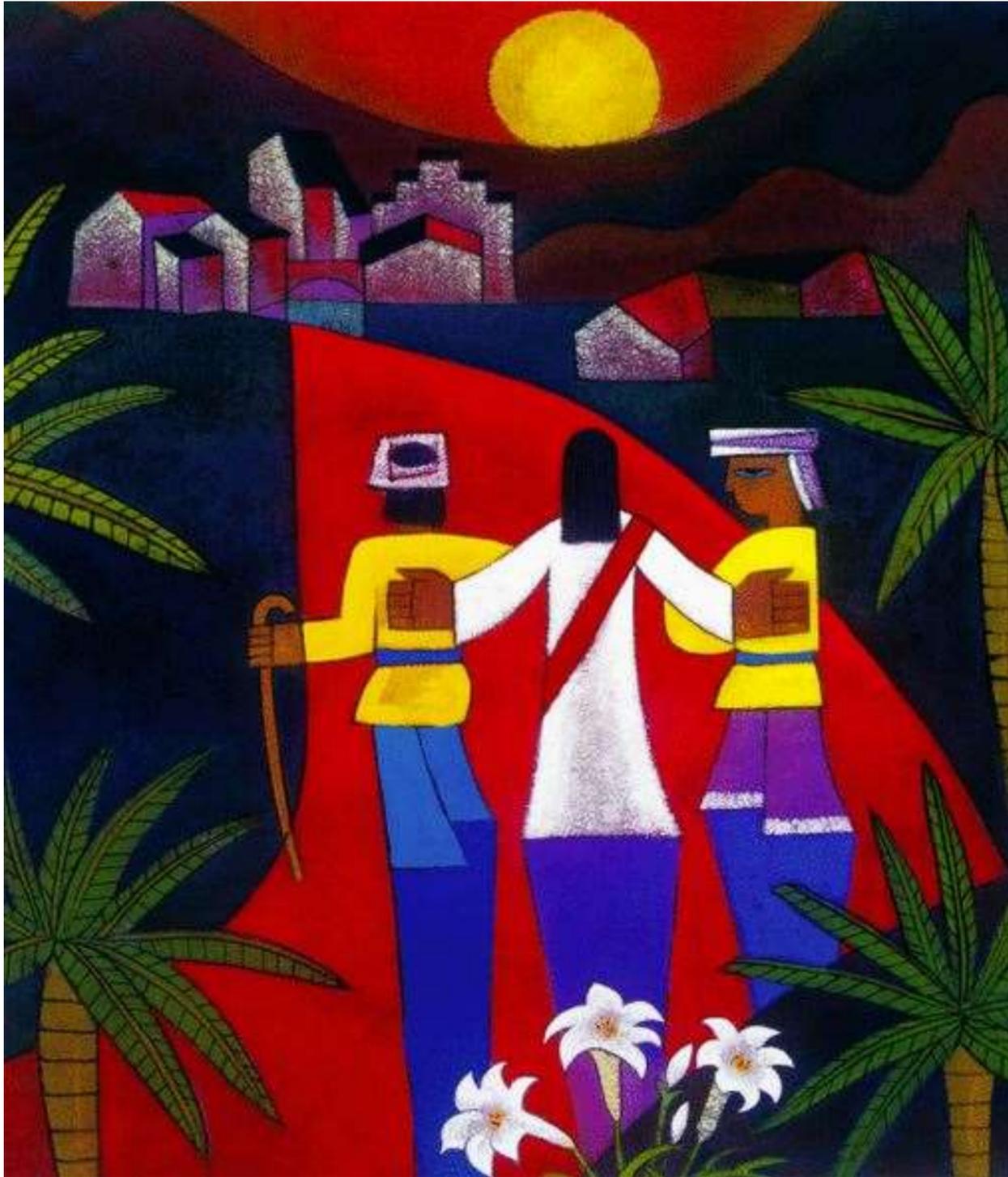


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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“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)

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Open your hymnal to #539: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?")

One: O Christ, who called disciples to your side and taught them to serve and love others, come into our lives today.

Many: Sing stanza 1

One: O Christ, you call us to bear one another's burdens and lighten one another's suffering. Let us faithfully follow where you lead us.

Many: Sing stanza 2

One: O Christ, let us reflect your light in a world that longs for your peace and justice. Let us be your reflection.

Many: Sing stanza 3

One: O Christ, you call us to enter into the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your pilgrims on life's journey serving others along the way.

Many: Sing stanza 4

One: O Christ, knit our lives together in your love. Let our song ring out in choruses of joy; let our words and music fill the sky with sweet refrains.

Many: Sing stanza 5

One: O Christ, we are your faithful servants. You call us to create a better world and to love one another, You call us to a grace-filled life.

Many: Sing stanza 6

All: Amen

*INVOCATION (unison)

We come before you today, O God, seeking to give new life to our everyday routines, looking for new ways to see with our eyes as well as with our hearts. Help us to see you through the love and care we receive from others. Through your Word and your Spirit, guide us in our worship and in our living. We pray in the name of your Son, our Teacher, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, gloria, Alleluia Alleluia

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

SPECIAL MUSIC by Dani and Ben Allen

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 and 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

Christine Lehoullier

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.

Children are excused as we sing: **"Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."**

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 78:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 24:13-32

SERMON: Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?

*HYMN # 252 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus, who gave every- thing, even life itself, to proclaim God's inclusive love. God calls all people to become children of the promise, and to this end we dedicate our gifts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #760

(Masithi) Amen, si-ya-ka-du-mi-sa. (Masithi) (x 2)

Amen, Bawo; Amen Bawo; Amen, si-ya-ka-du-mi-sa.

(Sing Amen) Amen, we praise your name, oh God. (Sing Amen) (x 2)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen; Amen, we praise your name, oh God!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

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

***HYMN #357 You Are Called to Tell the Story (sung to the tune of #77)**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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