

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW MOMENT

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Harmon
Brent Edwards, Ed Mills; Trumpets

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
Baptized and freed,
grounded in love,
let us worship God.

***HYMN No. 715** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!
Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* Lafferty/Wilson
Chancel Choir

SERMON Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Rev. Tracy Schumpert
Luke 6:17-26
Reflection

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Creator who hovered in love over the primal chaos and uttered creation into existence.

We believe that the magnificent signature of God is writ across the multicolored world and diversity of life.

We also believe in the revelatory signature of God in Jesus Christ who came to restore the image of God in every human being.

We believe that God offers shalom to a broken humanity, and calls us to be God's stewards and healers in the mending act of creation.

We believe in Jesus the Christ who came to open our ears so that we may hear each other into community.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who leads us on into ever new margins, as children of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who opens our ears to the groaning of creation, and nudges us to live sustainable lives on earth.

We believe in God who continually sends us out as witnessing communities to God's grace.

We believe in God's shalom and care for all the living creatures and the creation.

We believe that God's shalom is a call for the care of the whole, and God is calling us to be evangelists of shalom.

For the sake of peace on earth,
For the sake of peace with earth.

We believe in the life-giving streams flowing from the heart of God for the healing of our communities, the human family and creation as a whole.

We believe in God's vision of cosmic redemption, the renewal of all creation, a redeemed humanity, a new heaven and a new earth.

We believe that today we can start living a shalom-filled life, and stand by God's vision for the whole creation.

We believe that today we can start living for the new heaven and the new earth God envisions for us.

We believe that today we can start being stewards for the care of the earth.

We believe that today we can stop being exploiters of the earth and become caretakers of creation.

We believe we are made new for the renewal of God's image in each of us, and the restoration of creation.

In the name of the One who says, "Behold I make all things new," even Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER *Remember Me*

Traditional

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers, and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in princes and politicians, and find themselves deceived and misled.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives; may they turn to you for guidance.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

God, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy. Guide us throughout our lives, keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

DUET *Seekers of Your Heart*

Tunney/Darnell

Debi Patton, James O'Dell

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN No. 396** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***BENEDICTION**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens!*

Arr. Lanier

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Items in bold indicate congregational response.