**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

**P: From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God’s presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft spoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.**

L: This house of worship is a place to pursue God’s vision for all people:

unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

**P: Let us worship together!**

\*HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” B436/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we may recognize you and sing your praise, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that seem never to flower. O God of love and grace, help us accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we will give you the glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins so that we can be set free from the bondage of the past. Therefore, I announce to you in the name of Christ Jesus that you are henceforth set free: set free from all the enslaving bonds of your past; set free to live powerfully in every present moment; set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work with brothers and sisters in building a peaceful world.

Jesus said: I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. Praise God!

**P: God’s name be praised!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: James 5:13-20

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:38-50

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “A New Creed” Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “I am Thine O Lord” OS Senior Choir Members Projected

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Lord, I Need You” with Matt Maher Projected

MEDITATION: “Salted with Fire” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People” B181/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: What an abundance of gifts we have to offer: musical talent, the melody of laughter, the use of our hands in cooking and repairs, the use of our minds in problem solving, curiosity, compassion, patience, urgency, spiritual reservoirs, financial resources, obedience, and courage to act. All these gifts, and others which bear our personal marks, are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church. Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**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. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Accept these offerings now placed on your altar, O God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you. Use these gifts and us, we pray, to the end that your realm may come and your will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude