

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

All: We belong to God. Alleluia!

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

All: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us!

Praise be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH Creator of the sun and moon and stars, you stir in our midst to reveal your light. By the work of your Spirit, you lead us in new directions. Your beloved Son has called us to new life and by his grace, reconciles the divisions among us. Holy One, we praise you for the blessings you give us in our baptism into Christ, and through your love that surrounds us day by day. To you we give all praise, glory and honor, through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. Amen.

HYMN #651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer All Verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways. We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another. Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid, for Christ has redeemed you.

Baptized in the deep waters of death, he has washed away your sins. Risen from death, he invites you to be washed in the cleansing tide of God's mercy. Your sins are forgiven; be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

THE PEACE of CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other.

HYMN #670 Amazing Grace Verses 1,3,4

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 8

SERMON "Finding Dry Ground"

HYMN #637 Take My Life, and Let it Be Verses 1,2,3,5

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #172 - Verse 3

Offering is brought forward. The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service, or at the front after.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION God our Maker, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

intercession (Together) Give us wisdom and perseverance in what we undertake as a congregation in the face of all the changes in our community. Make time spent this year your time, O God. Bless our time with you.

As we work together with the vision of your kingdom before us this year, fill us with love and generosity that can change the world because of your blessing. We pray we can make a difference in even the most challenging situations because we are the people of your beloved Son who taught us to pray together: **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN #34 Will You Come and Follow Me Verses 1,4,5

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service

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