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**Order of Worship 11:00am July 28th, 2024**

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ’s love thrives.

**Entrance**

Prelude Amazing Grace Pianist, Robbie Kuster

Gathering Song\*  O Breath of Life

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need. Then in your tenderness remake us; revive, restore, for this we plead.

3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

Welcome

Call to Worship\* Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh

Liturgist: Children of God: welcome!  
**People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**  
L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.  
**P: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**  
L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:  
**P: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**  
L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Hymn\* O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57 V.1-3

Congregational and Lord’s Prayer Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh

L: Lord in your mercy. **P: Hear our 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**

**Proclamation and Response**

Scripture reading  Luke 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

L: This is the Word of God for the Children of God **P: Thanks be to God**

Sermon  Journeys with Jesus: Packing Lightly Rev. Amy Beth Coleman

Response to the Word

Special Music Otar Taktakishvili: Sonata for Flute in C Major Kerm Towler

Pastoral Prayer

**Thanksgiving**

Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri\*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Celebrating the Life of the Church

**Sending Forth**

Hymn\* I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

1. I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

**Chorus: Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.**

2. I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way. **Chorus.**

3. I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; faint was I from many a fall; sight was gone, and fears possessed me, but He freed me from them all. **Chorus.**

Benediction\*

Postlude

*Response to the Word:* He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6.8

But faith is not merely individual. It feeds into and off of the faith of others. When we make a decision to attend worship, to serve, to practice generosity, or to pray for others, our faith creates opportunities for God to change the life of another person…remember that each time you practice faith, you create the conditions for someone to have their mountaintop moment with Jesus.

- *The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer,* p. 168