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Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Majestic God, help us to feel and see your presence in our lives. Enable us to listen clearly to your words of hope and comfort. Encourage us to go into your world serving others and bringing your message of mercy and healing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prelude ***“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*** Smith

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship**

L: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

P: **In God we live and move and have our being.**

L: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

P: **We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

P: **Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen**

Special Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

When we cry to God, looking for favor in God's sight, God answers; "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! We will rest in God's mercy! Amen.

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

*Gloria Patri *"Glory Be to the Father"*

L: Glory be to the Father,

P: **and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

L: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

P: **world without end. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with Young Disciples

Epistle (letter) Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

New Testament Reading Luke 6:27-38

Sermon *"Trying to Out-Give God"* Pastor Boutelle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Sing Praise to God"

Paxton+

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Stephanie

ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

LITURGIST/SPECIAL MOMENT: Rebecca Rowe

*Please stand, if able

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