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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song VU #316 – “Praise Our Maker”

Call to Worship

One: Come! Hear the call of God: “Speak of me to my people.”

All: But we are just ordinary people. Who would ever listen?

One: “I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love.”

All: Loving and gracious God, we gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

* Hymn VU #272 – “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, voices that say, “Who do you think you are?” we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do.

Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Yet many times we continue to see ourselves as just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? You’d do better to find someone else—someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide—here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn MV #172 – “God Says”

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

1Corinthians 13: 1-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “What is love?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “The Greatest of These”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**We bring our gifts to share,
And lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
Our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
In gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand
The love You sow.**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn MV #169 – “When Hands Reached Out Beyond Divides”

Benediction / Response (VU #967)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Alana Davis, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehryn, Joyful Noise
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Carol Belsham and Deanna Kernaghan

Greeters: Anne Thoroughgood and Lynda Paul