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## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able as designated by \*

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### ✠ GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD ✠

#### PRELUDE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### \* THE GREETING

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

#### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Christ Jesus invites us to come to His Table!*

**Here we receive the grace that renews our lives!**

*At the Table, we share the bread of life and the cup of joy!*

**Here we are renewed for faithful discipleship!**

*Come then, gather with sisters and brothers to rejoice in Christ's love!*

**Come and give thanks and praise to our God!**

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

#### \* HYMN #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#### THE GATHERING PRAYER

Pastor Cynthia Anderson

**As we gather in Your presence this day, O Lord, we hear again Your call to us to walk the journey of discipleship. Open our hearts and minds, we pray, that our worship will lead us to respond faithfully to Your call, to let go of self, to willingly take up the cross, and to follow where You would lead us. As we worship, may Your Spirit move among us equipping us for the work You would have us do. Let no hesitancy in believing, no timidity of spirit, no distraction of mind inhibit our hearing and responding. Fill our hearts with an eagerness to serve and a commitment to enable others to join with us in witnessing to Your New Order of life breaking into our world. May we know Your blessing. We gather and pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

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### ✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

#### ANTHEM (10:30)

*He Leadeth Me*

Thomas Grassi

Chancel Choir directed by Karen Maxwell; accompanied by Kris Semanic, violin

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

All children are welcome to participate in choir or children's church activities following the Children's Message (details on back cover).

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

#### CALL TO PRAYER; SILENT PRAYER; MORNING PRAYER

#### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON (NT, PG 8)

Matthew 9: 9-13

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## THE SERMON

### This We Believe: "Grace Confounding"

*Pastor James M. Wilson*

*"But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'"*

Matthew 9:12

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### ✠ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ✠

#### MOMENT OF REFLECTION

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #88I APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION

**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 HYMN #70 - Meineke

**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.**

#### \* HYMN #347 *Spirit Song*

#### THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His Table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

#### CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

#### \* DOXOLOGY Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Through North and South and East and West  
May God's Immortal Name be blessed  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Till everywhere beneath the sun  
God's Kingdom come, God's Will be done  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Receive these our gifts, O God we pray, as we offer them with a thankful heart. May Your Spirit direct the use of these gifts in ways that enhance Your liberating and healing purpose in our world. May that same Spirit bless us that we may be faithful in the use of our spiritual gifts. We offer our prayer and bring our gifts in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this Holy Mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

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### ✠ SENDING FORTH TO WITNESS ✠

#### \* HYMN #474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

#### \* BENEDICTION

*Go to sing the song of faith wherever life takes you!*

**We go to walk as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ!**

*May the peace of Christ Jesus, the love of God, and the power of the Spirit be with you!*

**And also with you! Amen!**

#### POSTLUDE

*Today's Floral Arrangement* is given by Kathryn DeMent in loving memory of her son Mike.

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