

MEDITATION

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~ William Arthur Ward

HYMN SING

Tommy Strawser, Dr. Andria Fennig

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Summers

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alive in the Spirit,

People: we bring God's love into action.

Leader: Through the movement of the Holy Spirit, faith is ignited here.

People: Through the power of God, lives are transformed.

Leader: In the presence of God, we become a welcoming community.

All: God's Spirit calls us to worship, to love, to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1-3, 7
Hymnal No. 62

* **OPENING PRAYER** (in unison) Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Dir.

Loving God, you have taken up residence in us.

Come live and breathe in us.

Deliver us from sorrow and sin.

Give us a heart of gratitude for all you have done in our world.

As we worship you in faith, may we be transformed into your likeness and love others as you have loved us. Amen.

* **MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

* **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *We Gather Together* vs. 1 & 3 No. 131

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears against that invitation.

You have shown us the way to love,

yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring.

You have challenged us to generosity,

but many times we would rather keep to ourselves.

Forgive us and release us from the bonds of self-centeredness.

Create in us a renewed openness to your love,

that we may share your love with others. Amen.

(from Linda Mines Elliott)

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major: I. Allegro* Neruda
Jack Bannon, trumpet; Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS Monica Stern
Finance Committee Chair

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte
Dr. Ashley Snavley, Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* vs. 1&2 No. 147

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:9-14 (from *The Message*)
Reader: God's Word for God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. David Summers

A Time to....
Part 4: *A Time to Put God's Love in Action*