

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Dear friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness. We are made whole through his boundless love.

All: Thanks be to God for healing and restoration. Amen!

PRAISE HYMN

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, #493

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: Since we have peace through Jesus Christ let us share this peace with one another.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, “LET THE CHILDREN COME”

HYMN

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

Hymnal, #262

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Judges 15:1-20

EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 4:12-16

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Christopher Anderson

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “sins”)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Jesus felt tender compassion for the suffering people he met. He realized that many workers would be needed for a great harvest of mercy and love. This day, you and I are called to this work for the reign of God. This very day you and I are called to a sweet labor of generosity, healing, and peace. Let us bring our gifts, then, so that the ministry of this church will be a growing, vibrant witness to God’s love. Let us offer all we give – a portion of our time, skills, and financial resources to God in gratitude with a song and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, #258

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of Generosity, we give with joy and thanksgiving out of the great abundance in our lives. May the offerings of our time, skills and money support the ministries of this congregation and the wider church to carry out your mission of love and healing justice in our world. Amen.

HYMN

Be Now My Vision

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COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now, with confidence in God’s gracious love and mercy.

Go, ready to proclaim the good news.

Serve the Lord and lovingly care for others.

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

POSTLUDE