

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Meditation before Worship**

*God of extravagant love, as Mary anointed Jesus' feet with precious perfume, anoint us with your mercy. Make us ready for the day when you will pour out your grace at the foot of the cross, through the costly self-offering of our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"O Lord, You Are My God and King"

arr. Charles Callahan

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Melissa Canney

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Like Mary, who lavished her treasure on the feet of Christ,

**People: we come now to worship and offer ourselves to the Lord.**

Leader: The things we once treasured are worthless,

**People: compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### **\*Hymn**

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

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### **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Call to Confession**

#### **\*Prayer of Confession** *(read in unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are doing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Through the great mystery of faith deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** Amen. The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

**People:** **Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**\*Response Hymn** “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

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## **Ministry of the Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Scripture Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-14

### **Choir Anthem**

“Lord, as the Grain”

Carl Schalk, 1984

Lord, as the grain which once on upland acres  
Scattered abroad was gathered into one  
In this one loaf whereof we are partakers  
In the blest fellowship of thy dear Son.  
So may thy Church dispersed through all creation,  
Seed of the living bread, thy holy Son,  
Broken for us and for the earth's salvation,  
From the world's ends be gathered into one.

### **Second Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-8

**Pastor:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

“Infused with Grace: The Inclusiveness of Grace”

## The Response to the Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

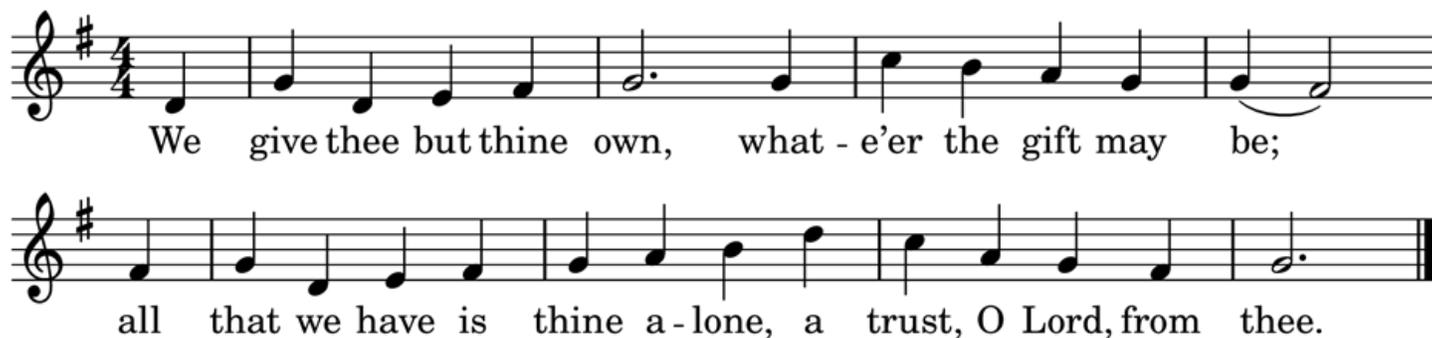
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### \*Invitation to Offering

#### \*Response

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

#708



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by using the cups in the pews. The communion wafer is in the package on top of the cup. Gluten free bread may be found on the communion table.)

### **\*Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**\*Hymn of Invitation**      "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"      #519

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: May the God of all new things be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer our hearts to the One who restores us to new life.

**People: May we empty them of all that holds us back so that God may fill the emptiness with grace.**

Leader: May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

**People: May joy and laughter resound in our words and lives.**

Leader: You made a path ... we offer our songs of thanksgiving:

**People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of new things.**

**All creation honors you with praise and joy.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to take hold of us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Though you are holy ... we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**People: Christ lost his life so that we might find ours;**

**Christ is risen, his resurrection life springing forth in us;**

**Christ will come, that we might gain eternity with God.**

Leader: We pray that you would anoint...God in Community, Holy in One.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

### Prayer after Communion

Extravagant God, you are the treasure that we seek. We thank you for giving us Jesus Christ. You extend your grace, and our faith in the saving power of your Son allows us to accept your abundant grace. Thank you for loving us, sinners and saints that we are. As we come from this table of grace, help us to go into the world, sharing your amazing love with all. Amen.

### The Sending of God's People

- \*Closing Hymn                      “To My Precious Lord”                      #704
- \*Charge and Blessing
- \*Congregational Response           “Change My Heart, O God”           #695
- \*Postlude                      "My Song Is Love Unknown"   arr. Michael Burkhardt

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**Pastor:** Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood  
Steve Watters

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd

**Liturgist:** Ruthanne Johnson

**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Flowers:** The Morlocks ... In honor of Joseph Morlock's birthday.

**Acolyte:** Devin Griggs