

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the wars o, God. Amen.

*HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* UMH #111

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Created anew in Christ,

All: we go to proclaim new life to the world.

One: Transformed by God's love and grace,

All: we go to bring love and grace to all.

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This*
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS



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PRELUDE

Jesus Paid It All
by Adam Mason

INTROIT

What Wondrous Love Is This
by USA Folk Hymn, harm. by Paul J. Christiansen

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: The risen Christ is with us.
All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you
All: And also with you

*HYMN

*Change My Heart, O God*TFWS #2152

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all ye faithful . . .
All: to worship, praise, and pray.
One: Come, all ye unfaithful . . .
All: for God’s love welcomes us home.
One: Come into the presence of Christ . . .
All: for Christ’s grace makes us new and whole.

OPENING PRAYER

God of ages past and present faithfulness, welcome us into your love, as we worship you this day. Draw closer to us, that we might trust your promises and follow your ways. In hope and faith, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Children’s Message”Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Father-Mother God, welcome us home when we wander afar. Restore us with your compassion and love. Transform us with your miraculous grace, that we might become the new creations you envision us to be. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might offer others the same welcome, grace, and love that you have offered us. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Everything old has passed away. In Christ, you are a new creation, full of mercy and grace.
All: In Christ, you are a new creation, full of mercy and grace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Joys of The Father”Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for all that God has done for us and as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, let us share our gifts with God and God’s world.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Call It Grace*Tyler Stankiewicz
by Chad Nattson, Jonathan Lowry, Micahel Farren, & Seth MosleyVocal Solo

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With glad hearts, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Transform them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may bring forth new life. May our offering transform others’ lives into the new creation you promise to all. Amen.