

To Ponder: Jacob says, “Surely God is in this place!” Have you ever felt like this?

Gathering Music **Elder Tameron Gennae and the Higher Ground Band**

1. Come and Let Us Sing 2. Sing Praises to Thee

Words of Welcome | *Passing of the Peace Rev. Ann Hayman

Call to Worship Barbara Anderson

God’s Spirit gathers us.

We are not alone.

God’s Spirit calls us

We are to discern together God’s will.

God’s Spirit sends us.

We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.

Opening Hymn “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”
Call and Response with Bernice Johnson Reagon and Vocal Group -

Call to Confession (I John 1:8) Barbara Anderson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Time with Children | “Baptism” Rev. Ann Hayman
Igwe Ochuru Elder Robert Duitsman

Reception of New Members Elder Robert Duitsman and Rev. Ann Hayman
Igwe Ochuru, Uwe Kalu, Eddie Wilson, Kristin Dukes, Leigh Lehman, and Mitchell Flowers

Anthem “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Dennis Dozier

Prayer for Illumination Barbara Anderson

Scripture Genesis 28:10-19 (International Children's Bible)

Sermon "Dreams, Ladders and Mustard Seeds"
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 Rev. Ann Hayman

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

Call to Giving Barbara Anderson

Offertory "I Love You Lord Today"

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Ann Hayman

Announcements Barbara Anderson

***Closing Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" PH #525

Benediction

God's Spirit sends us.

We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.

May the nourishment of God's Word, the bond of Christian community,
and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us for faithful lives of discipleship.

Amen.

Postlude Hense Powell

***Please stand if you are able.**

There will be a reception immediately following worship to welcome our newest members.

All are welcome to join us.