

Words to Ponder: Cultivate a vibrant curiosity and welcome the reports of your senses. The world is alive and moving toward you with rare epiphanies and wonderful surprises. Remember you are standing on holy ground. (Anonymous)

GATHERING MUSIC **“Every Praise”** **Music Ministry**

WORDS OF WELCOME | +PASSING THE PEACE **Rev. Ann Hayman**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Cicely Bingener**

What joy it is to have you here today!

We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.

Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

We have come to find hope and peace, wonder and love in our lives.

Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. AMEN.

+OPENING HYMN **“Help Us Accept Each Other”** **PH #358**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Cicely Bingener**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, O Holy One. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to the joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God.

You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Something Kind of Wonderful!"

Rev. Ann Hayman

ANTHEM "More Than Enough"

Music Ministry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cicely Bingener

SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (The Message)

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**SERMON "Come to Jesus Moments"
Hebrews 4:12-16**

Rev. Ann Hayman

WORDS OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.**

**His life in behalf of others
led to persecution and death.**

He commanded his disciples to live the same way.

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives that recognize all people in all cultures
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us
to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.**

**It is part of our discipline
to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury
that threaten our neighbor's survival.**

**We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain
which love involves.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

THE OFFERING

Call to Giving

Offertory

+Doxology

"I Just Wanna Praise You"

Cicely Bingener

Music Ministry

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all
creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Cicely Bingener

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cicely Bingener

+CLOSING HYMN

“Guide My Feet”

PH #354

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Rev. Ann Hayman

BENEDICTION

Rev. Ann Hayman

You have heard the words of healing and of peace.

We have been blessed by the Spirit of God.

Go now into God's world to be the spirit of hope, peace and blessing for others,
knowing that God is always with you.

We go in peace. AMEN!

POSTLUDE

“If We Never Pass This Way Again”

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