

Words to Ponder: Physician and theologian Albert Schweitzer makes reverence the foundation of his ethics. He counsels, “Profound love demands a deep conception and out of this develops reverence for the mystery of life. It brings us close to all beings.”

GATHERING MUSIC “I Just Want to Praise You” Music Ministry

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Kristin Dukes

Praise God!

**I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the company of the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Holy One
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is God’s work,
and God’s righteousness endures forever.**

God has gained renown for wonderful deeds,
and is gracious and merciful.

+OPENING HYMN “Morning Has Broken” PH #469

CALL TO FORGIVENESS Kristin Dukes

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, “Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work” or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness.. But in our hearts, we just don’t get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear gets in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus’ Name that we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Kristin Dukes

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Wisdom” Rev. Ann Hayman

ANTHEM “If I Don’t Praise the Lord” Music Ministry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kristin Dukes

SCRIPTURE READING (Proverbs 9:1-6)

Kristin Dukes

SERMON

**“Being Woke”
Ephesians 5:11 – 17**

Rev. Ann Hayman

WORDS OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations.

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God’s love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

PASTORAL PRAYERS and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

THE OFFERING

Call to Giving

Offertory

+Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above all heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

“What Shall I Render?”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+CLOSING HYMN

“Take My Life and Let I Be”

PH #391

BENEDICTION

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Arise, and let us go forth as God's people.

Look! God sends us forth with songs of love on our lips.

Arise, and let us go forth to serve beside Jesus.

Look! He stands, waiting for us to help tear down the barriers of injustice.

Arise, and let us go forth to join the generous Spirit.

Look! We will show reverence and respect for all God’s creatures.

POSTLUDE

“God Be with You”

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