

Words to Ponder: *“Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.”* – Henry David Thoreau

***Gathering Songs**

1. “Trading My Sorrows” 2. “Let It Rise”

Words of Welcome | *Passing of the Peace

Rev. Ann Hayman

Call to Worship

Jackson Taylor

We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God’s people.

We are God’s people! God’s presence is among us!

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God’s goodness.

God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

God’s goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.

When we notice God’s goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God’s.

Let us give to God the things that are God’s! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

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Call to Confession

Jackson Taylor

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not given you the things that are yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love you, ourselves, or our neighbors well. We ignore your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify you. We do not recognize your holy touch in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to live in love and peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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Time with Children

“Tricks”

Rev. Ann Hayman

Anthem

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Elder Tameron Gennae

Prayer for Illumination

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Scripture

Isaiah 45:1-7 (International Children’s Bible)

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Sermon

“A Taxing Question”
Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Ann Hayman

Words of Faith

We believe in God, who made the world and reaches out to it with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, God revealed in a human life. He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable and unmasked the powers that enslave us. In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave, and with him went our hopes of salvation. Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – God's mysterious presence with us – whose breathing gives life; whose fire purges and renews; whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions, awakening courage, humor and hope.

We believe in ourselves; made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ. Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life: a life laid open to all; overflowing with love and mercy; richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

Call to Giving

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Offertory "Count Your Blessings"

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

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Announcements

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*Closing Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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*Benediction

Rev. Ann Hayman

Go now as those who have found favor in the sight of God.
Be imitators of Jesus Christ and an example to all of the life of faith.
To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

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