

Words to Ponder: *This week's spiritual practice is "being Present. We devote a lot of our energy trying to avoid being present. "Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that never was before and never will be again."*
(Pablo Casals, Spanish Cellist, 1876-1973)

Gathering Music "You Raise Me Up" Celtic Women

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

Call to Worship Cicely Bingener

One: Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.
The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

**Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How expansive is God's understanding of us!**

One: The whole universe is subject to God's power.
Creation continues as the universe expands.

**Many: God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.
God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.**

One: Sing to God with great thanksgiving.
Praise God with the best you have to offer.

**Many: We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders.
We open our ears to receive God's message.**

Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes that I May See" PH #324

Call to Confession Cicely Bingener

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our churches, we often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. Restore us to yourself, we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

Time with Children "Sacred Dirt" Rev. Ann Hayman

Ordination and Installation of Mitchell Flowers Rev. Ann Hayman
Elder Robert Duitsman

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the
companionship of the Holy Spirit be with us and abide with us this
day and forevermore. Amen.**

Postlude

Hense Powell