



As reports of Jesus spread throughout that district, some questioned—“you dine with sinners, you let the sick touch you!” and he said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice. Go and learn what this means.” Matthew 9:13 and 26 (*paraphrased*)

GATHERING

Prelude: “Holy, Holy, Holy” John Dykes

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 33)

Leader: With morning voices and open hearts, we come to rejoice in the Lord!

People: Because God’s steadfast love fills the earth, We rejoice in the privilege to call this our home.

Leader: As we gather here, we stand in awe of the God of the heavens, the seas, and all that is made.

People: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord! And happy are WE, the heritage God has chosen!

*Hymn: #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (see download)

* Prayer of Praise

Wondrous and Amazing God, You inspire us in Your creation to create in our lives. As You disciple us, so You teach us to disciple others. The presence of your Spirit inspires us, stirring within us the spirit of compassion even as You have compassion for us. Far beyond what we can imagine, You challenge us and yet, with Your help, we dare to respond. In so many ways we have glimpses of Your grace and beauty in our human lives. In the world around us we have glimpses of Your majesty and sovereignty. In all things, may Your wisdom provide insight for our hearts and minds, our actions and reactions. Everyday,

call us into a way of life that is worship, enabling us to trust you toward a faithfulness that endures, through Christ we pray, AMEN

Assurance of Confidence in Faith

Leader: With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most.

People: With Jesus Christ as our brother, we know we can risk telling others of your mercy.

Leader: With your word, we can be reassured of God’s love for ourselves and others in every moment.

People: In your mercy, O God, make all of these possibilities real in our lives.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer the “wave of peace” to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “He Leadeth Me” Bradbury/Mercer

Scripture: Hosea 6:1-4, 6 and Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon: “Notorious Living”

*Hymn: #629 “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving God, in our stewardship of the earth and all that’s entrusted to us, enable us to care for each other and those you give us. In the name of the Creator, Holy Wisdom from on high, and our brother Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #320 "The Church of God in Every Age" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power.



People: Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age.

Postlude

"Simple Gifts"

Shaker Tune/Wilson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Marsha Ault

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