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Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

***Call to Worship**

Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross.

Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!

***Hymn Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus UMH 514**

***Hymn Abide with Me (V 1, 3, 5) UMH 700**

First Lesson Philippians 2:1-11 CEB

Word for Children

Second Lesson Matthew 23:1-12 CEB

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and his disciples, “The legal experts and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat. Therefore, you must take care to do everything they say. But don’t do what they do. For they tie together heavy packs that are impossible to carry. They put them on the shoulders of others, but are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. Everything they do, they do to be noticed by others. They make extra-wide prayer bands for their arms and long tassels for their clothes. They love to sit in places of honor at banquets and in the synagogues. They love to be greeted with honor in the markets and to be addressed as ‘Rabbi.’

“But you shouldn’t be called *Rabbi*, because you have one teacher, and all of you are brothers and sisters. Don’t call anybody on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is heavenly. Don’t be called *teacher*, because Christ is your one teacher. But the one who is greatest among you will be your servant. All who lift themselves up will be brought low. But all who make themselves low will be lifted up.

Message for the Lord’s Day Laura Bibby

***Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402**

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for those who don’t know where their next meal will come from and those who are looking for shelter...
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm’s way...

for the earth you have given to our care...
for the world, it's people and it's leaders...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and mission...
for peace and goodwill to all...
for the communion of saints.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission and Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

**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

Attentive God, you see us as we are and meet us in the movement of our days. As we bring these gifts, shape our lives to reflect your righteousness—faithful in love, honest in action, steady in compassion.

Open our eyes to behold your face in the neighbors we serve and the work we share. Let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek your presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward.

Receive these offerings as signs of our trust and our desire to live in right relationship with you and with one another. Amen.

***Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God TFWS 2235b**

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**

Postlude