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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 **Your Way's Better**

Remembering our Baptism **Tina Hernandez-Zudell**

***Call to Worship**

With open arms You welcome all who call on Your name
who acknowledge You as Lord and look to You in faith.
No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love.
Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit
open our eyes to see You here;
open our minds to receive Your truth,
and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise.
For You alone are God worthy of all praise and worship,
now and to the end of time.

***Song** **How Great Is Our God**

***Song** **Humble Thyself**

First Lesson **Psalm 67**

Word for Children

Second Lesson **Matthew 15:21-28**

Message for the Lord's Day **Reverend Deborah Coble**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

Special Music **Here with Me**

Reception of Members, by Profession of Faith

Jennifer and Tom Palmer

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

We will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

We will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the People

After each petition is shared, we pause for silent prayer, then the pastor will say: Lord in Your Mercy. The congregation responds: Hear our Prayers.

Together, let us pray for

the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for the concerns of our local community...
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 world, its people and its leaders...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, & mission...
for peace and goodwill to all...

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 - Grief Share & Stephen's Ministry

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Blessed be His kingdom now and forever.

Amen, Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Song**

Step by Step

***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

Build Your Kingdom Here