

*Gathering/Preparation to Receive God's Word*

**PRELUDE**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *(from Luke 18)*

Leader: Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them".

People: **"For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."**

**GATHERING SONG**

*We Are*

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Chuck Butler, Ed Cash, James Tealy & Hillary McBride

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Deuteronomy 10 & Matthew 25)*

Leader: The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He loves the stranger.

People: **Therefore, we will love the stranger because we are strangers ourselves.**

Leader: Jesus said: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".

People: **The righteous replied: "when did we see you a stranger and welcome you?"**

Leader: Jesus replied: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me".

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Come, join with me as we sing together our Hymn of Praise, *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love*, song #367 in the blue hymnal.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** #367 *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love* (blue hymnal)

**CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People: **Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord,**

have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you  
in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Time of silent confession)

**GLORIA PATRI** - Hymn #579

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.1

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*Noisy Buckets!*

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.2

*Word/Receiving God's Word*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

New Testament: Leviticus 19: 33 - 34

Old Testament: Matthew 5: 43 - 48

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"You Are Welcome Here"*

Pastor, Eddie Mariel

*Response/Responding to God's Word*

**ANTHEM**

***#396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship***

Chancel Choir

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Leader: Hear these words from scripture: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

People: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

## **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS**

- Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**
- Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**
- Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### *Constitutional Questions*

- Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept Judy Biehl and Tempie Roberts as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?  
**People: We do.**
- Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?  
**People: We do.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

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### **DOXOLOGY** - Hymn #592

## **PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *#438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*      (blue hymnal)

### **BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE SONG**      *#108 His Name Is Wonderful*      (red book)