

**January 28, 2018 – 10:00 am**  
**Health and Human Services Sunday**



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

\*Please stand if comfortably able

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" William Croft

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Rise up in heart and mind to bless God's holy name.  
Open your arms and your souls to receive the covenant.

**MANY: We are here to praise God and to receive mercy.  
We have come in response to God's steadfast love.**

One: God welcomes you and offers renewal.  
Compassion and competence are God's gifts to you.

**MANY: God is merciful, gracious, and slow to anger.  
God protects us and allows us to lie down in safety.**

One: God calls you to use your gifts for the sake of justice.  
God seeks to equip you here to make a difference.

**MANY: God raises us up as followers of Jesus.  
God equips us as ministers of the new covenant.**

\*OPENING HYMN: #506 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Living God, we read your Word in the lives of people who embody your Spirit. Some of them surround us today and link us to you. All of us have the potential to become your letters to the world. That is what we want to be. That is why we gather, to find that integration of faith and deed, trust and discipleship, that will make us authentic witnesses to your steadfast love. Make yourself known among us so we will experience your presence inside us and in all the gaps between us. Amen.**

Let us give God our thanks and praise.



**\*DOXOLOGY: # 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**As ministers of your new covenant, O God, we bring these offerings. May they impart new life to the sisters and brothers we know and to many we will never meet. Help us to soar with the eagles as we give of ourselves. Bless the work of our hands as we reach out in your name. May all your people feast at the banquet table of your love. We want to help make that possible. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #179 “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”**

**DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.**

**\*BENEDICTION: Rev. Donna Pupillo**

**THE BELL RINGS AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD, TO SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST TO ALL.**

**\*POSTLUDE: “In God We Trust” Robert J. Hughes**

**“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”**