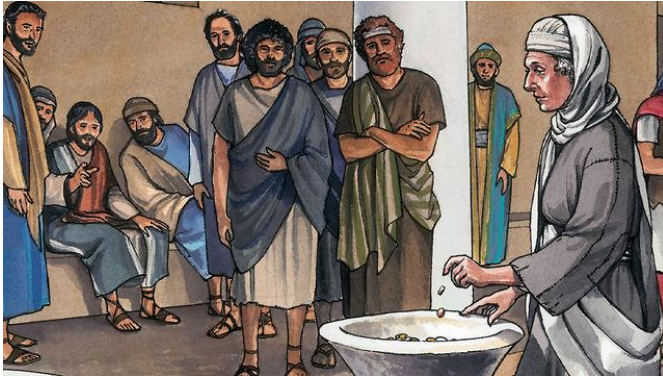
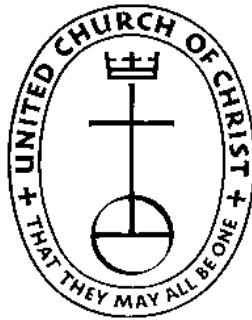


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- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP
- LITURGY BY REV. LAVON BAYLER
- CCLI LICENSE #11164431.

PRELUDE: **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** Lani Smith

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 127

One: Come, all who are anxious or burdened.
This is a time to experience good news.

**MANY: This is God’s house, and we can meet God here.
We are brought together in this family of God.**

One: Come with expectancy and anticipation.
God is present to greet you and change your life.

**MANY: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.
We have come to be equipped for our ministry.**

One: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.
In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

**MANY: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in
vain. Unless we view our city as God’s own,
there is emptiness here.**

**ALL: We come to be reminded of who is the creator
and sustainer of our lives. It is our God made
known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 361

“Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here”

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us.

Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to trust is strengthened. We are here, seeking an extra measure of reassurance, the restoration of our best selves and the clarification of our responsibilities. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us now and save all who eagerly await your word. Amen.

***GLORIA: #759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALMS: Psalm 127
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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:38-44**
Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: "Priorities"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 438**
"When Peace, Like a River"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer. Concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: #812 Three-Fold Amen

Amen, Amen, A-men.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "I Will Serve Thee" William Gaither

***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:**

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 425**

"For the Fruits of This Creator"

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #236 Halleluja (sung twice)**

**Halle, halle, hal-le-luja. Halle, halle, hal-le-luja.
Halle, halle, hal-le-luja. Halleluja, hal-le-lu-ja!**

***POSTLUDE: "Thanks Be to God" Ernest H. Sheppard**