

PRELUDE

**INTROIT** *(in response)*  
May the almighty God have mercy on us and forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**May the Lord strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**keep us in eternal life. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “My Hope Is Built”                      **368**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, 890 United Methodist Church Hymnal, UMC)*  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word,**  
**and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not**  
**loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We**  
**are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have**  
**mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your**  
**ways, to the glory of your name. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**\*PRAYER RESPONSE**    “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

**RESPONSIVE READING** *(in response, 889 UMCH)*  
There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to  
whom we testify.  
**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the**  
**world to save sinners,**  
And was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the  
nations,  
**And believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the**  
**mystery of the gospel. AMEN.**

**ANTHEM**      “Glad Praises We Sing”                      arr. Patti Drennan

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns** *(Adopted from the Book of Worship 395)*  
God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in  
lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.  
Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife...*(You may voice your prayers).* Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For those we know in particular times of distress . . .Lord in your mercy.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For those who are ill and the sick . . .Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For the gift of life...Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For those who lost their loved ones . . . Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**  
For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church . . .Lord in your mercy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(unison)*  
**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, the power and the**  
**glory, forever. AMEN.**

**MISSION MOMENT** – Kay McKinzie

**OFFERTORY**      “God is Calling Us to Peace”                      arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
**Offering**  
**\*DOXOLOGY**    Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*  
**Gracious God, you have shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful**  
**diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the**  
**never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in what we have been given and in**  
**what is ours to give. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE**      Ellie Q  
First Lesson      Psalm 125  
Second Lesson    James 2:1-10

**\*GOSPEL READING**      Mark 7:24-37

**SERMON**      **Love All God’s Children**                                      Mary Feit, Certified Lay Speaker

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      “Be Still, My Soul”                      **534**

**\*BENEDICTION**  
**HYMN**      “God Be with You till We Meet Again”                      **672**    (no refrain)

POSTLUDE