

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to faithful service.

All: **We come with open hearts and willing hands.**

Liturgist: Christ meets us in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and all those in need.

All: **May our hands become the hands of Christ, reaching out with compassion.**

Liturgist: Let us offer what we have and shine the light of God's love.

All: **We are ready to serve with faith, courage, and love. Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* UMH #89

MINISTRY MOMENTS Rev. Anna Mulford

CHILDREN OF GOD MOMENT Rev. Anna Mulford

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Anna Mulford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist/All
Merciful God, You have placed countless gifts in our hands and called us to share them with compassion. Yet we confess that we have sometimes held tightly to what we have, turned away from those in need, and allowed fear, distraction, or complacency to keep us from serving. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes to see Christ in every person, open our hearts to respond with love, and open our hands to give generously. Renew our willingness to serve with faith, courage, and compassion, so that that our lives may reflect Your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Liturgist

God's mercy is greater than our failures, and Christ's love frees us to begin anew. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to open our hearts and hands in compassion. Thanks be to God!

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 NT. Pg. 29

SERMON "What's in Your Hands: Compassion" Rev. Anna Mulford

*REFLECTION HYMN *"Jesu, Jesu"* UMH #432
(Invitation to the rail for prayer/meditation)

SHARING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/BLESSING SONG
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

THANKSGIVING PRAYER Liturgist / All
Gracious and generous God, we thank You for every blessing You place in our hands—the gifts we receive, the people who surround us, and the opportunities You provide to serve. Receive these tithes, offerings, and prayers as signs of our gratitude, and use them to bring hope, healing, and compassion to Your children. Shape us into faithful stewards who share freely and reflect Your love in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

THE LORD'S PRAYER All

*SENDING HYMN *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"* UMH #584
vv. 1-4

BENEDICTION / BLESSING Rev. Anna Mulford

POSTLUDE