PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, people of God, and place your trust in the Lord.

All: **We are like trees planted by streams of living water, rooted in God's love and grace.**

Liturgist: In every season, God sustains us and calls us to bear good fruit.

All: **We will flourish together as faithful stewards of God's gifts.**

Liturgist: Let us worship the God who nourishes, renews, and sends us to serve.

All: **With grateful hearts, we come to worship the Lord!**

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

MINISTRY MOMENTS Rev. Anna Mulford

CHILDREN OF GOD MOMENT Rev. Anna Mulford

HOLY BAPTISM Jackson Leo Ringen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Anna Mulford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist/All

Merciful God, we confess that we sometimes try to test You rather than trust You. We become caught in political divisions, worldly loyalties, and the desire to protect our own interests, forgetting that our whole lives belong to You. Forgive us, Lord, and free us from deceit, fear, and self-centeredness. Teach us to honor our responsibilities in this world while giving ourselves fully to You. Shape us into people of wisdom, integrity, and faithful love, so that our lives may reflect Your image and serve the good of all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Liturgist

God's mercy surpasses our fears, divisions, and failures. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed from self-centeredness, and restored to lives of wisdom, integrity, and faithful love. Trusting in God's grace, let us go forth in peace to serve one another and seek the good of all. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22 NT. Pg. 24

WITNESS MOMENT Susan Santiago

SERMON "Flourishing Together: God's Imprints" Rev. Anna Mulford

*REFLECTION HYMN "*Take My Life, and Let It Be*" UMH #399

(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 God, we give You thanks for the abundant gifts of Your creation, for the love that sustains us, and for the grace that meets us in every season. Receive these offerings and use them to bring hope, healing, and justice to Your world. Teach us to live with grateful hearts, open hands, and generous spirits, so that our lives may reflect Your love and bless our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

THE LORD'S PRAYER All

*SENDING HYMN *"Forward Through the Ages"* UMH #555

BENEDICTION / BLESSING Rev. Anna Mulford

POSTLUDE