PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, people of God, and love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind.

All: **We offer ourselves fully to God, whose love gives us life.**

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: **We gather in faith, ready to live as people of love, mercy, and justice.**

Liturgist: Let us worship the Lord, our God, and follow Christ, our King.

All: **With grateful hearts, we worship God and seek to love one another. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *"O Worship the King"* UMH #73

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 made us in Your image and called us to reflect Your love in the world. Yet we confess that we often turn inward, allowing fear, pride, and self-interest to shape our choices. We have neglected our neighbors, overlooked those in need, and failed to seek justice and peace. Forgive us, O God, and renew our hearts. Teach us to see Your imprint in every person, to live with wisdom and integrity, and to love one another as Christ has loved us. By Your grace, make us instruments of mercy, reconciliation, and faithful service. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Liturgist

God's mercy is greater than our fear, pride, and self-interest. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live as people who bear God's image. Thanks be to God! By grace, we are made new and empowered to love our neighbors, seek justice, and walk in the way of Christ. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46 NT. Pg. 25

WITNESS MOMENT Regina & Alfonso Rodrigues

SERMON "Flourishing Together: Committed Living" Rev. Anna Mulford

*REFLECTION HYMN "*We Gather Together*" UMH #131

(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 loving God, we give You thanks for the gift of this day, for Your steadfast love, and for the many ways You sustain us. We are grateful for the blessings of creation, the community of faith, and the people who encourage us to grow in love and service. Receive these gifts and offerings as expressions of our gratitude. Use them to bring hope to those who are hurting, justice to those who are oppressed, and welcome to those who feel alone. Shape us into a people who flourish together, committed to following Christ and reflecting Your grace in all that we do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

THE LORD'S PRAYER All

*SENDING HYMN *"Now Thank We All Our God"* UMH #102

BENEDICTION / BLESSING Rev. Anna Mulford

POSTLUDE