

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to remain watchful, for we do not know the day or the hour when the Bridegroom will come. Let us prepare our hearts and live faithfully in the time God has given us.

All: We come before God with attentive hearts, ready to worship and prepared to serve.

Liturgist: The wise bridesmaids brought oil for their lamps and were ready when the Bridegroom arrived. May we receive God's grace and take responsibility for the gifts, opportunities, and relationships entrusted to us.

All: **We will keep the light of faith burning through prayer, love, obedience, and acts of compassion.**

Liturgist: Let us not wait passively, but live each day with faithfulness and purpose, serving God and one another while we await Christ's coming.

All: **We are ready to worship, ready to serve, and ready to respond to God's call. With God's help, we will be faithful and responsible stewards of all we have received. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* UMH #400

MINISTRY MOMENTS

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CHILDREN OF GOD MOMENT

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*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist/All

Gracious and faithful God, we confess that we have not always been ready for Your coming. We have allowed our lamps to grow dim through prayerlessness, distraction, complacency, and neglect of the opportunities You have given us to love and serve others. Forgive us when we delay obedience, take Your grace for granted, or fail to prepare our hearts for Your presence. Renew us by Your Spirit, fill us with the oil of faith, and help us to live wisely, watchfully, and faithfully as we await Christ's coming. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist/All

God's grace is greater than our failures, and God's mercy is new every morning. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened to live faithfully, keeping our hearts prepared and our lamps burning brightly.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 1-13

NT. Pg. 28

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

*REFLECTION HYMN *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* UMH #454
(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 Your abundant blessings, Your unfailing presence, and the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the ways You provide for us, strengthen us, and call us to use what is in our hands to serve others with faithfulness and love. Receive these gifts and offerings as an expression of our gratitude, and bless them so they may bring hope, healing, and peace to Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

*SENDING HYMN

"The Summons"

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BENEDICTION / BLESSING

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POSTLUDE