

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who entrusts each of us with gifts, opportunities, and resources.

All: **We come with grateful hearts, ready to receive God's blessings and to respond with faithful service.**

Liturgist: God calls us to use what has been entrusted to us for the betterment of others and the glory of God.

All: **We will neither hide our gifts out of fear nor neglect them through complacency; instead, we will offer them faithfully to God.**

Liturgist: Let us worship the Lord with courage, joy, and willing hearts.

All: **Here we are, Lord. Take what we have and use us in your service. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *"We Are Called"* TFWS #2172

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
Gracious God, You call us to remain watchful, faithful, and prepared for the coming of Christ. We confess that we have sometimes neglected the gifts You have placed in our hands, allowing fear, distraction, or complacency prevents us from serving others and shining Your light. Forgive us, Lord, when we have failed to prepare our hearts and have not shared the love, mercy, and hope You have given us. Renew us by Your Spirit, fill our lamps with faith, and help us live with wisdom, compassion, and readiness to welcome You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Liturgist
God's grace is greater than our fear, distraction, and complacency. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and equipped to use the gifts God has placed in our hands with faithfulness, courage, and love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 NT. Pg. 28

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

*REFLECTION HYMN *"Here I Am, Lord"* UMH #593
(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 give You thanks for every blessing You have placed in our hands: the gifts, opportunities, relationships, and resources through which Your love is made known. Receive these tithes, offerings, and prayers as expressions of our gratitude, and use them to bring hope, healing, and light to Your people. Keep us faithful and willing to share, that our lives may reflect Your goodness and serve Your purposes. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Anna Mulford

THE LORD'S PRAYER All

*SENDING HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* UMH #577

BENEDICTION / BLESSING Rev. Anna Mulford

POSTLUDE