

### **GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP\* (adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Jesus has given us a new commandment:

We are commanded to love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us,

We should love one another.

By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

By our love for one another.

Come, join our hearts and voices in worship;

Let us worship God by loving one another.

#### SONG\* - O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

- 1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
  I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean's depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
- 2. O light that foll'west all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray that in thine sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
- 3. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee. I chase the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
- 4. O cross that liftest up my head,
  I dare not ask to fly from thee.
  I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
  and from the ground there blossoms red
  life that shall endless be.

#### SONG\* - God Is Love

- God is love and love will never fail me.
   God is love, and love will never fail me.
   When my faith is forgotten
   and my fears keep growing stronger,
   God is love, and love will never fail me.
- 2. God is love, and love will never fail me. God is love, and love will never fail me. When my hope is decaying and despair seems to surround me, God is love, and love will never fail me.
- 3. God is love, and love will never fail me. God is love, and love will never fail me. When my answers have failed me and I need to find a Savior, God is love, and love will never fail me.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of love,
we praise you that when humanity was lost in death and sin,
you so loved the world that you sent your Son
to die and be raised for our freedom.
May we be so thankful for your liberating love
that we risk loving our neighbors too,
witnessing to your new life
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

# PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG\* - God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one another as God first loved us. God is love. God is love. God is love.

### WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION\*

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

**GOSPEL LESSON\*** 

John 13:31-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**SERMON** 

A Habit of Love

Pastor Aaron

### **RESPONSE**

SONG\* - Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor.

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Ubi caritas;

Live in charity;

Deus ibi est.

God will dwell with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

#### **SENDING**

## SONG\* - We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

#### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION\***

\*Stand, as you are able



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