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**Please note that in order to protect ourselves and each other:**

* *Masks, covering our nose and mouth, will be worn during the entire service.*
* *There will be no congregational singing during hymns or responses. This is our opportunity to enjoy Lisa’s musical talents.*
* *During the passing of the peace, we will remain seated and share the peace of Christ by waving or sharing the peace sign.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 100)*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
**All: Serve the Lord with gladness!**One: Come into his presence with singing!  
**All: Know that the Lord is God!**One: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his

pasture.  
**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**One: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his**

**faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All:** **Holy God, it is our privilege and joy to praise you. As we sing, let us make a joyful noise to you. As we pray, may our words and thoughts be pleasing to you. As we open your word may we trust in your unfailing promises. Your word holds true, it is living and active. Renew our strength and refresh our souls.  Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see you more clearly today. Amen.**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #560** *“ I Love to Tell the Story”*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry and nursed grudges. We have hoarded what you have given us rather than share with the needy. At times we do not lift up each other with words of kindness, but tear others down with words of anger or resentment. We have not forgotten the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness of us. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us. Hear now our silent confessions.** *(Silence is kept)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.

**All: With grateful hearts we declare, in Christ we are forgiven! Amen!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE!**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another *(stay in place, wave or make the*

*peace sign)*

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Proverbs 3:1-10

Ephesians 6:10-18

John 14:1-14

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #559** *“Here I Am, Lord”*

**OFFERING** *(Virtual only)–*I invite you at this time to consider ways to express your thankfulness for all that God provides by giving of your time and talents in new ways in this time. I also ask you to consider how you will offer your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of our church at this time as well – some options are: on-line giving available through our website or your smartphone, mail check in weekly or set aside your offering each week and mail it in monthly. Thank you.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.** *(In Grove Only)*

**All: You call us, O God, to give care-fully, generously, even extravagantly to advance the life pattern of Christ in this faith community, and wherever the mission of this congregation leads us. We give our money and pray you bless it. We give our time and pray you will consecrate it. We give our recognized talents and you remind us that we have more talents to discover. Receive these gifts and our whole-hearted commitment to Jesus, whom we follow with joy. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** (debts and debtors)

**PLAYING OF HYMN #557** *“Pass It On”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend;

**All: Fill us until we meet again.**

One: May the love of God, binding us together and building us up;

**All: Empower us until we meet again.**

One: May the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, knitting us together as a church family;

**All: Be with us until we meet again.**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen

**\*THREE FOLD AMEN** *(played by Lisa)*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*In order to keep a safe distance, please remain seated until an usher directs you to leave. Thank you!*

*\* Portions of this worship service were adapted from “Season of the Spirit”, “Reworship”,*