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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**

One: Come at dawn!

Come at noon!

Come late in the day!  
 Come to the vineyard;

Where the last and the first harvest God's good fruit together.

Come!

**All: Let your heart sing and give thanks!**

**Call on God, whose wonders guide us,  
 Whose rivers of love bless us.**

**Give thanks with joy!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All:** **Holy One, you have promised to be with us, and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts. Amen.**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #17** *“Praise the Lord! O Heaven’s, Adore Him”*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Hear now our silent confessions.** *(Silence is kept)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.  
 God hears our complaints, but also our prayers.

**All: God will not forget us. In Christ's name, 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 Exodus 16:2-15**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #449** *“Day by Day”*

**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: Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness and as you fed the saints before us, you likewise feed us today. With grateful hearts we ask your blessing upon these gifts of time, talent and money. Use them as the manna to meet the needs of the church and feed the hungers of the world in which we live. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**PLAYING OF HYMN #72** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May God’s love surround you,

God’s Spirit guide you,  
 God’s whisper cheer you,

God’s peace calm you,  
 God’s shield protect you,

God’s wisdom arm you, wherever God may lead you.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

*In order to keep everyone safe, please keep a distance of 6 feet between you and others as you leave the worship space. Thank you!*

*\* Portions of this worship service were adapted from “Ministry Matters”, “REworship”, “Faith and Worship.com”* ,