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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, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

 In your spirits, in your hearts and in your minds, sing songs and hymns,

 Lift your voices with praise and your hands in prayer.

 Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**All: For God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all**

 **who believe. Let’s praise God together!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All:** **God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful, holy and blessed: Disturb us.  Stir us. Lift us into consciousness of your presence.**

**Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so that, at the sound of your voice, at the call of our name, we will never be the same. May our worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus we pray.  Amen.**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #6** *“ Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

**All: Holy God, when faith is tested to the limit, and we stumble, forgive us.
When feet stray from the path, and we wander, forgive us. When our neighbor is in need, and we pass by, forgive us. When the voices of this world, drown out your whisper, forgive us. When love draws us to your feet, in repentance, forgive us. Hear now our silent confessions.** *(Silence is kept)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God’s grace is abundant, God’s love is never-ending. As children of God, receive forgiveness and blessing.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**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 Romans 13:8-14**

 **Matthew 18:15-20**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**PLAYING OF HYMN #393** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

**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: We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts,
you have given us so much. Accept these gifts from our hands and the gifts of our time and our talents as our faithful response to your abundant grace.  In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**PLAYING OF HYMN #496** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. 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 “UCC Worship Ways”, “REworship”, “Faith and Worship.com”* , “[*pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org”*](https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/)