

Offertory Prayer

For the future glory of your church, we dedicate our gifts. Toward the reign of love in our midst, we consecrate ourselves. O God of all the ages, show yourself to us in our time. Work within us individually and among us as a community of faith, that we may experience resurrection and carry your good news into our world. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "The River is Here" by: Andy Parks

Reading of the Word

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~ Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we are reluctant to identify weakness or wickedness in ourselves. We do not recognize violent behavior or lawless rebellion as a personal problem. We would not think of elevating ourselves to take your place. Yet we find ourselves viewing the world from the narrow perspective of our own self-interest. Our anger at others spills over into our words and deeds. We ignore you in our decision making and fail to give thanks to you in our daily living. Without your forgiveness and transforming love, there is little hope for us. Hear us and save us, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn "Praise You" #2003

Sending Forth

L: A kind and just God sends us out into the world. We are bearers of truth beyond our understanding.

P: **We have been comforted and strengthened this day. We have good news to share with the world.**

L: Take courage and sing a new song. Work in new ways, for the Spirit abides in you.

All: **We will break down barriers with joyous daring. We will live with a spirit of adventure. Amen.**

Closing Song "I Will Celebrate" **Insert**

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~Bringing The Light Into the World~

Call To Worship, Opening Prayer: from *Seasons of the Spirit*.
Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Confession and Sending Forth: from *Gathered by Love* by
Lavon Bayler

Lectionary readings:

Haggai 2: 1-9

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20: 27-38