

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

**we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

\*Opening Hymn #395

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.**

**Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Gloria Hymn #583

Glory to God

Time with God's Children

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Second Reading

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon Blessings and Woes

\*Hymn #815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

\*Statement of Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication:

**You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God, as we can alleviate the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

\*Charge

\*Sung Benediction The Trees of the Field

Postlude

\*Rise as you are able, in body or spirit