

Greeting

Toni Kirch

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

"Blessed Assurance"

Kristie Janczyk

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\*Call to Worship

Toni Kirch

L: If you need good news, settle into this space.

**P: We have good news to share.**

L: If you need a word of hope,

**P: Then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.**

L: If you need a glimmer of joy, then you're in luck!

**P: We have resilient joy abounding.**

L: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst, then know that this is God's house.

**P: This is the good news of the gospel: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.**

**Let us worship our God!**

\*Hymn of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!**

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.**

**\*We Affirm Our Faith**

Hilde Frazee

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter and feels mercy.  
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,**

**So, I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
I have seen it alive in the world.  
And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who  
welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
I remember the one who  
cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Glory Be to the Father**

UMH 70

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**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost!**

**As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end,  
Amen, Amen!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Anne Tamarro

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!**

Anthem

“We Are the Hands of Christ”

Chancel Choir

*Lyrics by John Parker, music by Joel Raney, Hope Publishing Co.~2004 CCLI#1365061*

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1, 2, 7

Vickie McQuarie

L: Word of God, word of life!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation

“Through It All”

UMH 507

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**Through all, through it all**

**I've learned to trust in Jesus,**

**I've learned to trust in God!**

**Through it all, through it all,**

**I've learned to depend**

**Upon God's word!**

Message

“Founding Women of Faith”

Rev. Rachel Gilmore

We Share Our Gifts

Jane Swanson

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“I Come with My Devotion”

Chancel Choir Women

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\*Doxology

UMH 95

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**Praise him all creatures here below!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host!**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts full of gratitude. We bring our tithes and offerings, with joy, knowing that every gift given will help further Your kingdom's work. Bless these offerings, Lord, that they may be used to uplift, empower, and support the ministries that touch lives and bring hope. Remind us to honor the calling You have placed on each of us, to serve faithfully, and to give generously. Multiply these gifts for Your glory and bless every hand and heart that gives today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Confession

Vicki Cardenas

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Jeanie Smith

L: Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So, join me in this good news declaration:

**P. We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

Holy Communion

Rev. Rachel Gilmore

Song During Communion

"Gentle Shepherd" & The New 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ginny Hildebrand, voice and Dr. Kristie Janczyk, piano

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\*Song of Response

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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**I'm gonna live, so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna live, so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me**

**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

\*Blessing

Ginny Hildebrand

\*Music for Going Forth

"Go Ye into All the World"

Kristie Janczyk

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