

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made.

MANY: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ONE: Let our gladness be a song and a prayer,

MANY: pleasing to your ears, O God.

ONE: Let our joy be a source of action,

MANY: fulfilling your will, O God.

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made.

MANY: Let us find peace amidst our sorrows.

ONE: As the earth slows and colors deepen,

MANY: so may we seek you in stillness.

ONE: As the critters burrow for warmth and comfort,

MANY: so may our hearts take refuge in you.

ONE: As the world undergoes constant change,

MANY: so may our lives be transformed by you.

WORSHIP IN SONG *God is Here! As We Your People Meet* #70

INVOKING THE HOLY *Table Blessing* by Jan Richardson

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

ONE: O God, according to your unfailing love,

MANY: Have mercy on us and show us the way.

ONE: According to your great compassion,

MANY: Wash us clean from everything that's holding us back.

ONE: Create in us pure hearts, O God.

MANY: Renew us with steady spirits.

ONE: Do not cast us from your presence.

MANY: Fill us up with the strength of your holy spirit.

ONE: Restore to us the joys of our salvation.

MANY: And grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.

Silent confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of good faith, God hears our prayers. When you ask for a changed heart, God listens. As far as the west is from the east, God casts all of your personal sins away. You are not only forgiven, you are beloved. As beloved children of God, we are free to enjoy and to share the life changing inheritance of God's love.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

PASSING THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, it is now,
and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.*

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 12:1-14 & Matthew 18:15-20*

SERMON Pastor Aram Mitchell

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God... this is my prayer.

This is our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER | from *Matthew 6*

Note on language: When we pray to God as "Father" we are addressing the Creator in an intimate way, as a loving parent. There are many other names for God that you may choose to use in the spirit of this prayer. When we pray "thy kingdom come" we acknowledge that God's kingdom is an upside down kingdom that topples oppressive forces with power from below.

Our Father/Mother which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us

our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF SENDING *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* #337

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated*) Joseph Cough
After the service, coffee hour is offered downstairs in the church vestry.

We remember in our prayers: Joan Spurgat, the family of David Boucher, the family of Peggy Averill, Sue Sikes, Don Gage, Joline Allen, Stacy Colby Barnes, Rev. Larry Krewson, George Greene, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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"God is still speaking"



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