CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: We come in awe and wonder, we come to hear the stories of how God worked of old,
- All: the stories from the Bible, which often have been told. But Jesus hear our stories of happiness and pain and weave it in your story at worship here again. We come to celebrate with joy, your love and faithfulness, we come to learn your way and be the church you bless.

HYMN: **111** Praise to the Lord, the almighty vs. 1,2,3,5

WELCOME

PRAYERS

...The good news is this: "now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!" in Christ we are forgiven and given new life:

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 133 responsive reading:

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

PSALM REFLECTION

HYMN 442 [ii] All praise to our redeeming Lord

STORY - "Mouses Story" - an introduction to the gospel

Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 32 – 49 Mark 4: 35 – 41

In this is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

REFLECTION: "small in the face of ..."

STATEMENT OF FAITH: We are a pilgrim people

- from the UCA Basis of Union

We believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with words and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. HYMN: 607 Make me a channel of your peace **SHARING & NOTICES** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

OFFERING DEDICATION May these gifts, our money and our lives, be given with the spirit of generosity that allows them to free rather than to bind, to heal rather than to wound, and to serve the reign of the Lord of Life. Amen.

HYMN 547 Be thou my vision

BLESSING

May the peace of God bless us with discomfort...

at easy answers, half-truths, shallow prayers and cheap grace so that we will live deeply in our hearts and with others.

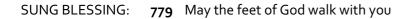
May the peace of God bless us with anger...

at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people and the earth, so that we will work for justice, equity and peace.

May the peace of God bless us with tears...

to shed for those who suffer, so that we will reach out our hands to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that we can make a difference in our world, **so that we will do the things others say cannot be done.** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen**





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"Jesus said, Peace, be still."

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