PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory I Surrender All Cindy Berry

*The Doxology #709 God, We Honor You

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia. alleluia. alleluia. amen.

James E. Clemens

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Robert L. Edwards

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Here's One Mark Hayes

Worship God.
Equip Disciples.
Love and Serve the World.

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*Please stand as you are able
Congregation reads text in bold italics

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME Rev. Lynn Stone

PRELUDE Lord, I Need You Jesse Reeves

*CALL TO WORSHIP Donna Hickman

Leader: Holy God, you have made us in your image,

People: and we belong to you alone.

Leader: Your glory is too much to comprehend, People: and yet we see your face among us.

Leader: And so, we offer ourselves to you,

People: in service, love, and praise.

*HYMN #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Arr. Lowell Mason

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God.

You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.

Forgive us, O God, and by your grace, restore in us the image of your face.

(We silently confess our sins.)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

on earth

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

*GLORIA Pablo Sosa



whom God is

pleased.

peace to all peo - ple in

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM In Christ There Is No East or West David A. White

WORSHIP IN ACTION Kim Wisnia

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON The Enemies of Gratitude: Greed

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You may find the text of The Lord's Prayer on page 35 of the hymnal.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Tom Hoban