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**Sunday, March 13, 2016, 10:00am**  
**Theme: God's Fresh Ways**

✠ indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

### **We Gather With**

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Fantasy on the Londonderry Air*  
– arr. *Melody Bober*

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE, SILENCE, & TONE BOWL

INTROIT: *You Are Holy (Projected)*

**MV#45**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Projected – Responsive*)

God, in the middle of our busy lives, you call us to worship. Our journeys bring us back to your loving ways. God has done great things for us!

**God, you made a way in the sea and brought your people through the mighty waters and away from captivity in Egypt. God has done great things for us!**

God is doing a new thing – making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

God has done great things for us!

**All the wild animals praise God, who provides water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. God gives us nourishment for our journey. God has done great things for us!**

Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

God, we are grateful for your presence with us during this Season of Lent. May our hearts and minds be open to the new thing that you are doing in and through each one of us, and in and through this gathered community. May we see with fresh eyes, breathe in the new smells, hear your call, and experience the fresh ways you are inviting us to be in ministry with you. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Children's Choir - I Prayed in the Tub*

– by Sharon L. Beckstead

✠HYMN: *We Are Pilgrims (Projected)*

VU#595

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

### Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-8 (*NRSV*)

*Scripture Reader: Barb Cousens*

***Affirmation:***

One: This is the witness of The Church,

**Many: thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – Hymn for Band*

– by Hugh M. Stuart

THE MESSAGE

### Open Hands

✠HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Projected)*

VU#333

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“Romero Remembered”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS (*Leader*)

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(*Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.*)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – Londonderry Air*  
– *Traditional Irish*

✠OFFERTORY: *All Is Done for the Glory (Projected)* MV#34

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, Projected*)

**We put our faith and trust in your fresh ways. As we journey together, we dedicate our lives and these gifts to the work of loving others. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered (Projected)*

MV#14

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

**Open Hearts to Each Other and the World**

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Unison, Projected*)

**We leave this place with the image of God making a way in the wilderness. We see how God’s extravagant love can transform us and our ministry with others. We go forth with a renewed sense of purpose for the path forward.**

✠HYMN: *We Have This Ministry (Projected)*

VU#510

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy, Rev. Bob, Kari Orosz, The Orchestra, The Children’s Choir, Brian Shewan, Kristin Raugust, Andrew Major, Ryan Sanderson, Myrna Malanik, Barb Cousens, Terri Poirier, Sandra Glass, Bobby Fillier, Mark Wagner, Kylen Glass.