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Sunday, April 17, 2016, 10:00am
Theme: Showing Up

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

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Cindy Zhang – Excerpts from Sonata in D major, K. 284 by Mozart*

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

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

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE, SILENCE, & TONE BOWL

INTROIT: *Come All You People (Projected)*

MV#2

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Leader*)

One: Rise up!

All: We come to worship you, O God! We are ready to be filled with your presence.

One: Rise up!

All: All honour and glory and blessing are yours, O God, forever and ever!

One: Rise up!

All: We lift our hands and praise your name! You are the good shepherd who cares for the flock. We hear your voice and we follow you.

One: Rise up!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Youth Choir – Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel – arr. Glenda E. Franklin*

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

Loving God, we come before you with great thanks and praise. We are reminded every day of your loving presence and your promise to be with us in the hardest of times. We come together today with preoccupations and concerns. Help us set those aside for the moment and be present with you and one another in this space. Help us draw close to you and feel the Holy Spirit moving among us during this time of worship. Amen.

†HYMN: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (Projected)*

VU#179

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

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)*

Scripture Reader: Harold Black

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,
Many: **thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Orchestra – St. Thomas Bounce*

– by Richard Worton

THE MESSAGE: *“Pushing Boundaries”*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *We Meet You, O Christ (Projected)*

VU#183

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Farming Partnership*

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 Youth Choir- There Is Peace*

– by Jim Papoulis

✠OFFERTORY: *Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving (Projected) MV#185*

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, Projected*)

Generous God, your gifts are so many we cannot count them all. You lead us, guide us, and restore us when we need it most. May we recall this generosity now and remember the examples of Tabitha and others in the early church who shared what they had, and gave to those in need. We offer these gifts to you and pray that you bless them for the work of ministry. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Don't Be Afraid (Projected)*

MV#90

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: (*Leader*)

✠HYMN: *We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song) (Projected)*

VU#595

POSTLUDE: *Cindy Zhang - Jeux d'eau by Ravel and Un Sospiro by Liszt*

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy, Rev. Bob, Cindy Zhang, The Youth Choir, The Orchestra, Mark Wagner, John McCrea, Tess & Harold Ashley, Jan & Keith Campbell, Kari & Sophie Braaten, Harold Black, Maxine Mendritzki, Nancy Rehder, Heather Robertson.