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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song - VU #395 - "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Call to Worship

- One: When the lost are found,
- All: there is joy!
- One: When hope overcomes despair,
- All: there is joy!
- One: When we seek and find God's faithfulness,
- All: there is joy!
- One: Praise to God who is present to us through Christ Jesus!
- All: Praise to God who is present to us through one another!
- Hymn VU #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Some say in their hearts, "There is no God." We proclaim that God's presence is real and alive and thriving! Others declare through their actions, "We go through life alone." But we see God's grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us. But there are times gracious and loving God, we find it difficult to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience our abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, so the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn VU #360 – "A Woman and a Coin – The Coin is Lost"
Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

The Word

 Scripture Readings – 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – "Lost and found – Star Trek and Paul"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "Song of Fellowship"

The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (VU #540) Grant us, God, the grace of giving, With a spirit large and free. That ourselves and all our living We may offer faithfully.

Prayers of the People

- * Hymn VU #276 "O God Who Shaped Creation" (tune VU #331)
 - Benediction / Response Send us out in the power of your spirit, Lord, May our lives bring Jesus to the world. May each thought and word bring glory to your name,

Send us out in your spirit, Lord, we pray.

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Tanya Montebruno, Liturgist

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Margaret & Craig Gibb Ushers: Tanya & Don Montebruno