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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 MV #172 – “God Says”

Call to Worship

One: God, teach me lessons for living.

All: So that I can stay the course.

One: Give me insight so I can live the way you desire

All: My whole life, one long response to you.

One: Guide me down the road of your commandments

All: I love travelling this freeway!

One: We come together to walk in your way.

All: We come together to worship you, God.

(Adapted from Psalm 119)

* Hymn VU #639 – “One More Step Along the World I Go”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Almighty Teacher, instruct us today. Help us turn the other cheek when we feel wronged. Turn our hearts, that we may learn how to love our neighbor, even our enemies. Teach us and show us the way of holiness, that we may be a holy people. Holy God, forgive us for our sins. We know that we have not always provided for the poor. We have made life difficult for the blind, deaf, and those with special needs. We have rendered improper judgments about right and wrong. We have done harm to the environment. Holy Jesus, forgive our sins against our neighbors. We have not always been generous. We have slandered friends and foes alike. We have loved ourselves more than we love others. Holy Spirit, thank you for the assurance of forgiveness. Help us move beyond our sin, that we may make the world a better place to live. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn MV #79 – “Spirit, Open My Heart”

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18
Matthew 5: 38-48

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “Dos, don’ts, and the life of faith”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “For Love Shall be Our Song”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
Gentle Father, loving Mother,
Jesus: brother, saviour, friend;
Spirit of all grace and power,
May we praise you without end.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn – “Gentle God, When We Are Driven” (tune VU #62
see insert)

* Benediction / Response (MV #211)

**I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back. (repeat)**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Pat Dumont, Liturgist

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Linda Smith and Georgina Backman

Greeters: Pat Lumsden and Jan Carmichael