

(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 #410 – "This Day God Gives Me"

Call to Worship

One: The time has arrived for worship to begin!

All: We have come as faithful, obedient Christians.

One: We are good people trying to do good things with our lives.

All: We come to praise God...and find out if we pass the test!

\* Hymn VU #231 – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Complex God, somehow you have gotten under our skin and into our souls. You comfort and guide us at one moment. In the next, you challenge, test and confound us. We offer obedience to you then wonder if we hit the mark. How good do we have to be? Does our obedience need to be blind? Can we ever satisfy you? We ask these questions because we truly want to understand. Is it enough if our faith is not heroic or sacrificial? We pray that the promises of Christ's grace are reliable. Love us because of who we are and what we are trying to be. We ask this boldly, in Jesus' name. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn VU #585 – "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

## The Word

Scripture Readings – Genesis 22: 1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – "How much do I have to give to be good?"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

## The Response

Announcements

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

Pastoral Prayer

- \* Hymn VU #506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
- \* Benediction / Response

Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, Lord, May our lives bring Jesus to the world. May each thought and worry bring glory to Your name, Send us out in Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Paulette Cote, Liturgist Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Laura Steidl, Music Director Gina Grant, Custodian Sheryl & Chanel Cale, Joyful Noise

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Morris & Joyce Deveson Greeters: Bev Baker and Edna Cechvala