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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 #343 – *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Call to Worship

One: In the resounding noise of life’s demands,

All: GOD’S LOVE IS A CALM PLACE.

One: In the squabbling and bullying we imagine as power,

All: GOD’S LOVE IS A PEACEFUL PLACE.

One: In a culture that rejects and ridicules believing,

All: GOD’S LOVE IS A WELCOMING PLACE.

* Hymn VU #345 – *“Come, Children, Join to Sing”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

With thankful hearts we pause to remember the good news: sadness and stress do not have the last word. You, God, are a ruler of a different kind. You offer hope as an alternative to the darkness. You inspire us with love that silences the shouts of hate. You invite us to share in your work of Creation, and we are intoxicated by this power: the power to dominate, control, punish and reward. Most of all, we cling to the power to have our own way. Forgive us when we lose sight of what true power is all about. Refocus our vision on Jesus, on his work, on his Kingdom. Let us trust in your good news and embody it in our words and actions. We pray trusting that Christ’s Spirit is with us always. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

* Hymn VU #342 – *“You Servants of God”*

Meditation – *“An appointment with destiny”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“Holy is Your Name”*

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response (VU #541)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. AMEN**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn VU #213 – *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

Benediction / Response

Amen, Amen Amen!

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gloria Saindon, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Jessica Steidl & Alex Czehryn, Joyful Noise
Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier & Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Bev MacRae and Val Kuhtey
Greeters: Dorothy & Derek Read