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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 Hymn MV #154 – "Deep in Our Hearts"

## Call to Worship

- One: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,
- All: We wish to see Jesus.
- One: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,
- All: We wish to see Jesus.
- One: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,
- All: We wish to see Jesus.
- One: And so we come together this morning in worship,
- All: Inviting Jesus to be among us.
- Opening Song "Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## Prayer of Approach and Confession

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God just waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Come; join me as we pray to the One who waits to hear—from us! Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us!

As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn MV #92 – "Like a Rock" / Children's Time

# The Word

Scripture Reading – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Luke 19:1-10 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

### THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hymn VU #665 – "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"
Meditation – "Where is God?"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "My Song to the Lord"

# The Response

## Announcements

Offering / Response Everything I am, everything I have, Everything I can, I bring to You. For You alone are worthy, so I come to give You praise, And everything I am I bring to You.

The Lord's Prayer (VU #959) / Prayers of the People

- \* Closing Hymn VU #389 "God is Here"
  - Benediction / Response Lead me, Lord, I will follow. Lead me, Lord, I will go. You have called me, I will answer. Lead me, Lord, I will go.

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