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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.)

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## Approach

Gathering Hymn VU #365 – “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Call to Worship

One: The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

**All: May our hearts be receptive to the Word.**

One: The Love of God rains down on us.

**All: May our souls soak in the wonder of God’s love.**

One: The Breathe of God blows softly within us.

**All: May our minds be stirred by the power of God’s spirit as we come to worship God.**

\* Opening Hymn VU #578 – “*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Loving God, we take this time today to come before you, but as we do, we are aware that all is not right within us. We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without turning to you, we do things that we know are wrong. We did not put you first in our lives. Forgive how we have failed to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength. Loving God, our relationships with each other are not all that they can be or should be. There is hurt and injury between ourselves and others. There are walls of anger and hatred between us and our neighbors. Forgive us for how we deny our part in this and for how we blame others for the brokenness around us. Forgive how we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Gracious God, we believe that you offer to us and our world a whole and good life. For all that we have done to deny this life to each other and to ourselves, we ask your forgiveness and your mercy. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

\* Hymn MV #142 – “*Oh a Song Must Rise*”

## The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – “*Everything’s Coming Up Roses*”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “*Jesus, Teach Me*”

## The Response

Announcements

\* Offering / Response

**Thank you for the love that’s in this place;  
Thank you for the joy in every face.  
Thank you for awakening just begun;  
Thank you for your steadfast presence,  
O Holy One.**

Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn VU #697 – “*O For a World*”

\* Benediction / Response (MV #209)

**Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.**

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