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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

Welcome and Announcements / Minute Person – Pat Lumsden

- * Gathering Song VU #374 – *“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”*

Call to Worship

One: As Abraham welcomed the strangers

All: So God welcomes us.

One: God greets us with joy

All: and says, “Rest here for a while.”

One: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

All: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

One: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

All: Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

- * Opening Hymn VU #415 – *“God, We Praise You for the Morning”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

All: Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

All: Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

All: Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared.

- One: Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship, those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their religion, their sexuality, their gender, their age, their handicap – whatever it is that creates barriers between people.
- All: Lord Jesus Christ, help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God and precious to God. We pray this prayer in your name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

- * Hymn VU #591 – *“Jesus, United by Your Grace”*

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Genesis 18:1-15

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – *“Finish Strong.”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

The Response

- * 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.

Children’s Time

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

- * Hymn VU #624 – *“Give to Us Laughter”*

- * Benediction / Response

May the grace of Christ attend us,

And the love of God surround us,

And the Holy Spirit keep us now and ever, always.

Amen. Amen. Forever and ever, Amen.

Sue Turley, Worship Leader

Luci Toews, Office Administrator

Alana Davis, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director

Myrna Hagues, Organist

Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Nancy Sulkers and June Kaan

Greeters: Gordon & Shirley Goossen