

October 15, 2017

(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 - "We Sing to You, O God" - (see insert)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Although there are rulers, presidents, kings and queens, God is

above all.

All: In God we live and move and have our being.

One: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

All: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with

which God has touched our lives.

One: Come; let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

All: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

\* Opening Hymn VU #264 – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

O God, sometimes we're pretty good at declaring Your glory in the midst of Your people. We proclaim Your greatness in worship services. We sing songs and hymns of praise. We preach Your grace. We celebrate Your wonderful works together. Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace, and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction. Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands, and steady our feet, that we might know and share your blessings. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon / Passing the Peace

Hymn MV #95 – "How Deep the Peace"

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts are healed.

## The Word

Scripture Readings - Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection - "To Know God!"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "Speak, O Lord"

## The Response

\* Offering / Response (VU #544)

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today.
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU #651 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction / Response (VU #227)

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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