**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Call upon God’s Wisdom  
**P: God will answer!**

L: Seek God’s Wisdom  
**P: God dwells in the midst of life.**

L: Follow God’s Wisdom  
**P: God leads in the paths of light and generosity.**

\*HYMN: “Take My Life, God, Let it Be” B448/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Holy God, we hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus, the one you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy in your holy moment,  
which is always now, Amen.**

RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Amos 5:18-24

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: O God, we long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us, in your abundant life. But we don’t know how to rest, and we have forgotten how to trust: We seek material goods that we don’t really need.**

**We befriend people not always out of love. We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus, questions that try only to prove our point, not to grow in understanding of your desires for us. Slow us down, Holy One. Attend to us, Holy One, and show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.**

**(Silent Reflection)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God is God of the living. The Holy One will make a place for you that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice. In Jesus, God is for you. You are forgiven. You are loved. You belong to God. You may rest in that truth.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [Due to safety issues, Rev. Mundell will give a blessing]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids in Animated form

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed Projected

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

**I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

**I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

VISUAL REFLECTION: What is Stewardship

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Make Me a Servant” Maranatha Singers Projected

MEDITATION: “Stewardship of Life” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” B89/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates are placed by each of the entrances for safety reasons.]

L: Readiness for Mission is one way to interpret the diligence of the Wise Wedding Attendants. Their lamps are filled and available to be sparked into light at the moment the Beloved appears to begin the wedding feast of justice, love and peace. Let us be ready, too, with our tithes and offerings, to support the work God is doing through our congregation and Christ’s wider church.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: God, we have come, and given generously of our gifts. Take, bless and multiply them so that they may be a blessing in your world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude