

SOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE “For a Thousand Tongue to Sing”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP “Kum Ba Yah” UMH 494**

***OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy” (See Insert)**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

O God, Come close to us right now. So many things need to be done, so much involved for the holidays. We are trying to be thankful but all the planning tends to get in the way. We look forward to the Christmas season, but all that needs to be complete consumes our thinking. Yes, Lord, come by here and touch us with your Holy Spirit that we may know your love and feel your tender touch, in Jesus’ name, AMEN.

WE TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT OURSELVES

CALL TO REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF BLESSING “God Is So Good” (On Back)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON “Observer or Participant?” Pastor Earl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL: BEHOLD GOD’S PLAN

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Are Ye Able” UMH 530

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory (plate located in the back of the sanctuary)

***Doxology UMH 95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN “He Lives” UMH 310**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING**