

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

**PRELUDE “Freely Freely”**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chili Cook-Off 6:00p.m. Thursday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @ SouthUMC**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

We gather together,

**Empowered by the Risen Christ,**

To worship and encounter the Holy One.

**We trust that the infinite love of God**

Will move us beyond our places of doubt and fear

**And into a world where our witness points to the Good News.**

**\*OPENING HYMN “Christ for the World We Sing” #568**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come. We rejoice that you are constantly yearning to be in a deeper relationship with us. May those who come with doubts encounter you in profound ways. May those who come with faithful confidence encounter you in profound ways. And may we all be empowered to bear witness to the light of the world. Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have been created for goodness by you, O God, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we so often offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us. But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment. Amen.**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)**

By God’s grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God’s goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

**The good news is as true as it was on creation’s first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Special Music "I Surrender All" Megan Leineke**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 28:16-20**

**SERMON – “Be a Witness – To Infinity and Beyond”**

## **WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Go, Make of All Disciples” #571**

### **MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving – TFWS 2257a-d**

*(Music included as an insert inside the bulletin)*

**Breaking the Bread**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*(Offering Plate at the back of the Sanctuary)*

## **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN – “Pass It On” UMH 572**

**\*BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)**

Created and called to be faithful stewards,  
we are sent forth by our God.

**We will take all that is good to places of brokenness,  
all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.**

Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples,  
we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

**We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us,  
to every person who will bless us.**

Called and filled with the very breath of peace,  
we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

**We will join the Spirit in bringing life where there is fear,  
in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Sabbath Day: Friday**