

so that we might fully experience your love, grace, and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" *Black 73*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *See Insert*

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN *Lisa Allen*

ANTHEM "Can I Ride?" *Choir*
African American Spiritual, Arranged.: by Kirby Shaw

EPISTLE READING | Romans 12:14, 17-21, pg. 197 *David Kayajan*

GOSPEL READING | Luke 6:27-38, pg. 78 *Melessa Fox, Deacon*

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION "Doing the Hard Thing" *Rev. Christina Williams*

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** "I Would Be True" *Black 492*

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers of the people, you are invited to voice your joys and concerns out loud. When names are spoken, all invited to respond, "O Lord, hear our prayers."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. All are invited to sing "Amen". (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Love One Another”

Choir

Words & music: Natalie Sleeth

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, and reflect your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Pass It On”

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*BENEDICTION

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“Go Now In Peace”

Choir, Accompanied by Bell Choir

Words & music: Natalie Sleeth

POSTLUDE

“The Heart of God”

Music: Aodhan King & Jonas Myrin

Arranged: Matt Schinske

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Deacon, Melessa Fox; Tech, Amelia Allen; Members of the Chancel Choir; Reader, David Kayajan; Hospitality, Marylaine Hobson; Food donation, Betsy Woodley

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!

To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Explanation of the Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means you may rise in body or spirit (in spirit means, if you need to stay seated). **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for a time learning and fun with Bible stories, crafts, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **TAKE TWO:** *Is an after-worship, adult faith formation group to help deepen and grow our faith. Lisa Allen is leading a book group on The Year of Living Biblically—a funny, poignant book about literally living every biblical law for one year.*
4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*

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**The altar flowers today are given by Janet King and Family
in celebration of Hal King's birthday.**