

**February 12, 2023**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

**People:** **We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.**

**Leader:** Old ways and tired routines are left behind.

**People:** **Our God comes to us in unexpected ways and refreshes all who join the adventure.**

**Leader:** Those who claim sophistication and power may miss the movement of the eternal.

**People:** **All who give up their pretenses will find unusual opportunities.**

**Leader:** Let us together explore the wonders of God.

**People:** **Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew our spirits.**

**\*Hymn #4:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 5: 21-37

Jo-Anne Fournier

**Anthem**

**Time With Young Disciples**

**Unison Prayer**

**O God, our parent, there are so many enticing things in our world which offer pleasure. There is so much to desire, so much to crave, so much to be needy about. We seek to grow in maturity, that we might discipline our desires, control our cravings, and give up all greed. We seek to grow in wisdom, that we might discern when indulging in pleasure is a celebration of your creation and when indulging in pleasure is godless self-indulgence. We seek to know when pleasure serves life and love, and when pleasure serves death and division. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "Serving life and love"

**\*Hymn #465:** "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way"

## **The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

### **Prayer Response**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

### **\*Doxology**

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God we come to you in plenty and in want. Teach us to receive without embarrassment when we have needs, and help us to give without reservation when we have abundance. Bless and multiply these Sunday gifts and unwrap our hearts to you every day. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #471:** "What a Fellowship" (use the option to say "fellowship" instead of "covenant")

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude