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Welcome

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Call to Worship

One: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

All: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord.

One: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

All: Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Make us one.

One: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom into our hurting world?

All: Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

One: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

All: Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that all the world may be one through the power of your love. Amen.

Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him crown Him crown Him crown Him
Crown Him crown Him crown Him
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him crown Him crown Him crown Him
Crown Him crown Him crown Him
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him crown Him crown Him crown Him
Crown Him crown Him crown Him
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him crown Him crown Him crown Him
Crown Him crown Him crown Him
And crown Him Lord of all

All Hail The Power of Jesus Name (DIADEM)
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Prayer of Confession

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God of many gifts and one Spirit, we confess that often it is easier to celebrate a single prophetic voice, than to honor the complex movements that give rise to freedom. When in our desire to honor leaders, we forget or gloss over all those who make change possible through their quiet persistence, forgive us. When we lift up visionaries and pioneers but ignore or disbelieve that we have a part to play in making not only their dreams but yours a reality, forgive us. Direct and empower us by your Spirit to take up our part in your movement toward justice, reconciliation, and peace, that we might more fully become what you have always intended for us to be: Beloved Community.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Testing God's Voice

Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell;

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Lord's Prayer

Rev. Tom Elson

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.

Call to Give

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Song: We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome we shall overcome
We shall overcome someday
O deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We'll walk hand in hand we'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand someday
O deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We shall live in peace we shall live in peace
We shall live in peace someday
O deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We are not afraid we are not afraid
We are not afraid today
O deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday

God will see us through God will see us through
God will see us through today
O deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday
We shall overcome someday

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Benediction

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