

***Unison Prayer** (John 3, Ephesians 2)

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

***Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem *His Eye in on the Sparrow* arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer for the Offering

Special Music

O Love, How Deep Javier Gonzalez
Kristina Langlois

Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament Reading John 3:14-21

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

Sermon "The Light of Love" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98

***Responsive Benediction** (Ephesians 2)

L: God's great love and rich mercy have made us alive in Christ.

P: Let us depart to live lives of grace, and to do good works.

All: Amen.

Postlude *The God of Abraham Praise Yigdal (Jewish Hymn)*
arr. Meyer Lyon

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*