

***Unison Prayer**

Lord God, our source of never-ending love, we gather together to celebrate your love. We pray that we will be your people; a people called to share your love with your people everywhere. Strengthen, nurture, and empower us to be your servants, your healers in a world that desperately needs to be served and healed. We pray in Jesus' loving name. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 63:1-8

***Hymn** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill; we are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

Words of Assurance

L: God's grace and mercy abounds.

P: **God is with us in change.**

L: God's everlasting arms embrace us.

All: **Each of us is beloved, affirmed and set free.**

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Mark Hayes

***Thankfulness for Our Offerings**

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for Our Offerings**

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-13

Hymn *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

Sermon "Surprised" Joel Chermonte

***Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

***Benediction**

L: May God bless you with the hope to cling to God, knowing that in the highs and lows, the joys and the sorrows, the known and unknown of this life, God's love never fails. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

Postlude *Glory be to Jesus* Robert A. Hobby
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*

