

PRELUDE, CENTERING MOMENT, and WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Worship Ways

One: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

All: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

One: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

All: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

One: God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

All: In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart. Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

#286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND RENEWAL

God of surprises, we know that we do not often perceive the world as you do. We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures, optimal achievements, and unreachable standards. Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection, you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace. Surprise us yet again this day, O God, that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the same old ways of faith that we may be transformed anew. Provide us with a new cup of oil that we may be anointed by your love so that we may set out into your world to bless and anoint others. In the name of the One whose love and peace make all things new we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

SERMON

“Seeing Through God’s Eyes”

Rev. Melanie Weiner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#451 Be Now My Vision

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* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we do not take for granted all that you provide. Take these gifts and use them for the healing and tender care of your hurting world. May your cup of love overflow and abide with the hurting and heartbroken, forgotten and despised, so that we may all be made whole. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (Father, Mother, God,...) in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#562 Take My Gifts

*BENEDICTION

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