

“Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone – we find connected to another.” ~ *Thomas Merton*

* *Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Lead Me, Lord* *S. Wesley, arr. R. Thygerson*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *Bless The Lord* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from 1 John 4:13-21)

L: By this we know that we abide in God and God abides in us, because God has given us the Holy Spirit.

P: **We have seen and do testify to the power of God's love. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

L: Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness to share love in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

P: **We love because God first loved us.**

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *I Sing The Mighty Power of God* *R 68*

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READING John 15:1-8

HYMN *Many Are The Lightbeams* *B 168*

REFLECTION **“The Fruit of the Vine”**

ANTHEM *I Am The Vine* *R. Farrell*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *B 769*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.*

L: Let the people say...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation*

***DOXOLOGY** *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, B17*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia. Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** *Like The Murmur of the Dove Song* *B 270*

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN** *“Sevenfold Amen”* *R594*

POSTLUDE *Partita Sopra L'Aria Della Folio Dispagna* *B. Pasquini*

Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Worship Leader: **Miki Osgood**
Greeter: **Dan Isaacs**
Ushers: **Betsy Potter and Annie Gordon**
Setup: **Annie Gordon**
Flowers: **Joyce and Vladimir Petkovich**



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