

WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- **WHO YOU SAY I AM**
Worship Song – **OUR GOD**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (*pastor front center*)

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- WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... **<PAUSE>**

WL: Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – **LET THE CHURCH SING**

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word – Matthew 25NRSVue

Introduction: Today we begin a new series Helping Hands, Helping Hearts with a focus on helping those in need around us. In today's reading, Jesus implores his listeners to help him whenever they find him down and out in life. When the people question Jesus when have they ever seen him in this state, he fires a shot straight to their hearts and says, "whenever you've helped the least of my people, you've done it to me." Our gospel reading comes from Matthew, the 25th chapter...

P: ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – CRAIG

SERMON RESPONSE – MY HEART YOUR HOME

After each petition, please respond with:

P: God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

Offering Song-MY DELIGHT IS IN YOU

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – COMMUNION

Post communion prayer:

P: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing

WL:

ALL: AMEN.

Sending Song – YOU ARE GOOD

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

ALL: Thanks be to God!