

WE ARE GATHERED

Worship Song – **BEEN SO GOOD**

Worship Song – **DESERT SONG**

**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 of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession. God of all mercy,

**ALL: we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.**

**Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us.**

**We lament the evil that holds us captive.**

**We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**P:** All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good. Amen.

Worship Song – **CAN'T HELP BUT WORSHIP**

*P: The congregation may be seated.*

## WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Word – Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 *NRSVue*

### Introduction:

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P: [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – **STEVE**

**SERMON RESPONSE – I'VE WITNESSED IT**

WL: Please stand. We join in a time of prayer. Following each petition, please join me in saying: Hear our Prayer. Let us pray.

*After each petition, please respond with:*

**P: God of Grace,**

**ALL: hear our prayer**

## **Offering**

**WL:** You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

### **Offering Song Intro:**

**Offering Song: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART**

### **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 – ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

**Dismissal**

WL: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**