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I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY
PROMISE AND BRING YOU
BACK TO THIS PLACE.
FOR SURELY I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR
YOUR WELFARE AND NOT
FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.

+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

OCTOBER 17TH 2021, 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

**Call to Worship*

We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.
We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.
We have come not to parade our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.
With all our being, we will praise you, O God, and tell of your kindness toward us.

**Hymn* “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH, #549 vs. 1-3,6

**Opening Prayer*

O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

**Hymn* “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS, #2223 vs.3

Welcome and Announcements

PROCLAMATION

Gift of Music

Prayer Song “Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire” UMH, #492 vs.3

Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Scripture

Acts 2:37-42

Message

“A Future with Hope: Homecoming”

Rev. Karin Ellis

RESPONSE

Offerings to God

Offertory

Doxology

**Prayer*

Creator of all that is and all that ever shall be, we offer these gifts in gratitude for placing us in a world filled with wonder and beauty, and for making us into a community of faith. Amen.

**Hymn*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH, #557

**Blessing*

**Musical Blessing*

“Shalom to You”

UMH, #666

Postlude

**Indicates those who are able to please stand.*