## Welcome

<u>Call to Worship</u>: (based on Exodus 3:1-15) This place for us is Holy Ground. The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love. God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with his presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us. Instead God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.

## Let us worship the Lord.

<u>Song</u>: Forever (Tomlin) God's Greeting We Greet Each Other <u>Song</u>: No Longer Slaves

Call to Reconciliation:

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

## Unison Prayer of Confession:

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, or home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. **Thanks be to God. Amen.** 

<u>Song</u>: Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone Children's Blessing Prayer of Illumination Scripture Reading Sermon

<u>Song</u>: Take O Take Me As I Am Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Woody Nook Ministries 2. Mission Support - Melissa Kuipers

<u>Song</u>: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me (bday song Art Reitsma) God's Parting Blessing <u>Song</u>: Mighty to Save