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Love the Sinner,
Hate the Sin?

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

O Perfect Love

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Introit

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

The Voice of God Is Calling

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1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?
2. “I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”
3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.
4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Matthew 7:1-5 (CEB)

“Don’t judge, so that you won’t be judged. You’ll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. Why do you see the splinter that’s in your brother’s or sister’s eye, but don’t notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, ‘Let me take the splinter out of your eye,’ when there’s a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you’ll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother’s or sister’s eye.”

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**Anthem***Everything Is Beautiful*

Ray Stevens/Arr. Greg Gilpin

Chancel Choir

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Lisa Corpron, Joyce Theilacker, Isabel White, Trio

Message*“Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin?”*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory***Largo*

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† Doxology*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, we can be so sure that we know what is best. We head into life following our own dreams. Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace, that we may gain new vision. When despair and sadness overwhelm us, and when hope fails us, teach us to dance to the music of your love. Open our hearts and minds, O God, that we may see your path, walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. Amen.

One: God has the power to heal us. Christ has the love to save us. The Spirit has the strength to free us. These gifts are graciously given, even in the midst of our doubts. God is here to lead us deeper, and show us the way home. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

O Crucified Redeemer

UMH 425

1. O crucified Redeemer, whose life-blood we have spilt,
to you we raise our guilty hands, and humbly own our guilt.
Today we see your passion spread open to our gaze;
the crowded street, the country road, its Calvary displays.
2. We hear your cry of anguish, we see your life outpoured
where battlefields run red with blood, our neighbors' blood,
O Lord; and in that other battle, the fight for daily bread,
where might is right and self is king, we see your thorn-crowned head.
3. The groaning of creation wrung out by pain and care,
the anguish of a million hearts that break in dumb despair;
O crucified Redeemer, these are your cries of pain;
O may they break our selfish hearts, and love come in to reign.

† Benediction

Postlude

March

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