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UNITED METHODIST

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Dreaming the Future

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

It Is Well with My Soul

Arr. Jay Rouse

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Call to Worship

One: We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

All: We are God's people! God's presence is among us!

One: Jesus asks for a coin and says, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

All: We bear the image of God, and we belong to God.

One: God meets us every day in the gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

All: God, help us to see your goodness in everything and in everyone we meet.

One: When we see God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

**All: We offer God our gifts and our presence. Let us give to God what belongs to God!
Amen.**

Congregational Introit

Covenant Prayer

W & S 3115

1. Lord, I am not mine, but yours alone. Let your will be done and not my own.
Put me where you will, and let me serve; in everything I do, let me endure.

Refrain

This is my prayer, Lord, to you.
My promise and my vow, strong and true.
And the covenant I make on earth,
let it be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

Bridge

Let me be employed for you, laid aside for you, lifted high for you or brought low.
Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things or nothing.

1. Lord, I am not mine, but yours alone. Let your will be done and not my own.
Put me where you will, and let me serve; in everything I do, let me endure.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Elementary aged children will be excused for a time of teaching.

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.

Prayer Response

Rule of Life

W & S 3117

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Scriptural Response

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

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Arr. John Leavitt

Message

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WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Seek Ye First (with Pachelbel's Canon)
Dorian Bells*

Arr Lynne Hollander
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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have kept for ourselves the things that are yours. We speak of *our* barns, *our* grain, and *our* goods, and we forget whose they are. We fill our calendars and withhold our presence from you and from our neighbors. Forgive us. Free us to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love all of creation. Teach us contentment, so that all you entrust to us stays useful in your service. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: we bear the image of God, and God claims us as God's own. God welcomes us with grace. 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Symphony in Bb

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