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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Loren Swenson

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN Here I am, Lord #593

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

PEOPLE: We seek God's presence all around us.

LEADER: Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

PEOPLE: We seek to recognize God's presence among us in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

LEADER: Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of others, what are you seeking?

PEOPLE: We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

LEADER: As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

PEOPLE: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE He is Lord. He is Lord #177

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth. Through your Spirit, open our eyes to recognize You here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead. For You are our God, and we are Your people, called by Your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG Precious Lord, Take My Hand #474

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!" ~ Psalm 105:1-2

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Compassionate God, forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 10:5-15

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH#277 Vs.1&2

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The In-Between Place" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER

Apostle's Creed

Going into the World to Serve

OUR PURPOSE

What is our Purpose?

To Provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

*SENDING SONG When the Storms of Life are Raging #512

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be with You Taking the Light of Christ into the World

#672

*POSTLUDE