

*** We invite you to stand as you are able.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite members, friends, visitors to record visit by signing the attendance pad.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE (lighting of candles & church bell)

INTROIT* "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" The Faith We Sing #2271

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Lord, open our hearts to hear your words of compassion.

All: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

One: Open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

All: Help us to work for you.

One: Lord, make us ready to serve.

All: Lord, make us ready to witness your healing love. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Lord you are the author of all things, and you have the power to forgive sins. Though my faith is still weak, I do believe in you. And I also trust in your goodness and mercy. Here I am before you in prayer, longing once more to love you with all my mind, heart, soul and strength. Amen.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING FOR THE SERVICE OF MIKE NELSON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Red Hymnal #147
Black Hymnal #31

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:17-26 (CEV)

One day some Pharisees and experts in the Law of Moses sat listening to Jesus teach. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. God had given Jesus the power to heal the sick, and some people came carrying a man on a mat because he could not walk. They tried to take him inside the house and put him in front of Jesus. But because of the crowd, they could not get him to Jesus. So they went up on the roof, where they removed some tiles and let the mat down in the middle of the room. When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man, "My friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the experts began arguing, "Jesus must think he is God! Only God can forgive sins." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and he said, "Why are you

thinking this? Is it easier for me to tell this man that his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk? But now you will see that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth." Jesus then said to the man, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk home." At once the man stood up in front of everyone. He picked up his mat and went home, giving thanks to God. Everyone was amazed and praised God. What they saw surprised them, and they said, "We have seen a great miracle today!"

MESSAGE

"God is in the Details"

Pastor Anne Kadue

HYMN

"God of Change and Glory" Red Hymnal #114 / Black Hymnal # 177

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER*

All: Lord, you know how great our needs are. In these difficult times when jobs are threatened, homes are being lost, families are experiencing great stress, come and bring your healing love to us. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us again of how you transform lives, not just with healing, but with a spirit of hope and compassion. Use our offering to reach people as the hands and feet of Jesus. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN*

"Love Devine All Loves Excelling"

Black Hymnal # 43

CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION*

BENEDICTION* (extinguishing of candles & church bell)

POSTLUDE

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

Large Print bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
Judy Lieffring	Pianist & Organist
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You are loved. 

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**Welcome to
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Community United Church of Christ**

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