

*** 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 (church bell tolls)

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: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

All: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

One: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

All: Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

One: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

All: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Black Hymnal #63

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:1-8 (CEV)

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up: In a town there was once a judge who didn't fear God or care about people. In that same town there was a widow who kept going to the judge and saying, "Make sure that I get fair treatment in court." For a while the judge refused to do anything. Finally, he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care about people, I will help this widow because she keeps on bothering me. If I don't help her, she will wear me out." The Lord said: Think about what that crooked judge said. Won't God protect his chosen ones who pray to him day and night? Won't he be concerned for them? He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith?

MESSAGE "Pray Without Ceasing" Pastor Anne Kadue

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" vs.1,4,5 Red Hymnal #500

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*

Source of Wisdom, we confess that at times, we can be self-serving, and we lose sight of community. Sometimes, we don't respect you, ourselves, or each other. Yet, you are just toward us even when we are not. We know that we can trust you, so we yield our hearts and minds to you. You are persistent in your desire to restore us because you want us to have what is best for us. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks that we are better for it. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE & 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* "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Black Hymnal #506

CIRCLE OF BENECTION* (extinguishing of candles & church bell tolls)

BENEDICTION* "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" Red Hymnal #557
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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
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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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