



February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Gathering

*During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.*

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Sing's God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,**

Leader: for the Lord takes pleasure in those who seek God,

**People: in those who long to know God and follow God's ways.  
Let the faithful sing for joy!**

\*Opening Hymn #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

Poem

"The Offering"

by Rumi

I hear the song  
of the world.  
I see the blood  
of the world.  
I feel the love  
of the world.  
I am the offering.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have made us Kingdom citizens, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have been so protective of our status and reputation that we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the needs of our "undeserving" neighbors. We defend our rights instead of willingly setting them aside for the sake of a sister or brother. Forgive us, Lord. By the power of your Spirit transform us to reflect the image of Christ and love others as he loves us.**

Time for Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, our God is just and merciful, offering forgiveness to all who seek it.

**People: Thanks be to God, we are loved, freed, and made whole in Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Musical Response #175 “Seek Ye First” vs. 1

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayers**

## The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Matthew 5:21-24, 38-48

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Traits of Kingdom Living: Radical Love”

\*Hymn #215 “What Wondrous Love Is This?” verses 1, 3, 4

Time for Response to Sermon

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

## **Sending**

\*Closing Hymn #300 “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.*

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

**Rev. Michelle Fincher**, Pastor; **Kent Lemburg**, Guest Musician;  
**Cathy Jaynes**, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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