ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able (UMH) United Methodist Hymnal (TFWS) The Faith We Sing

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: Siblings in Christ, we come together today to celebrate the love God has for us all. Welcome!

PRELUDE

My Song Is Love Unknown (D. Wood)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP L: God's mercy floods over us.

P: Lord, wash me clean of the pain in my life.

L: God's love pours into us.

P: Lord, pour your love into every pore of my being.L: Let the love and mercy of God reign in your heart today.

P: Be with me, Lord, and guide my life. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God - UMH # 420 (v. 1-4)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jesus Loves the Little Children (On Screen)

CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW MEMBER Xenia Andrews ANTHEM Today (Flavin/Wright) - Fire Within Us

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

Loving Creator, forgive us when we falter. Jesus calls us to be willing to follow him our whole lives, and we hesitate. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Help us to place our trust in you. Help us to share your message of peace and mercy. We offer our prayer in the name of Christ as we come to our time of silent prayer . . .

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER The Lord's Prayer - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN The Gift of Love - UMH # 408 (v. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-26 - New Revised Standard Version

SERMON A Grain of Wheat - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING L: As God has blessed our lives, so may our giving bless others. OFFERTORY Drawn to the Cross (setting, B.M. Culli)

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow - UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be - UMH # 399 (v. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Trumpet Tune on Mit Freuden zart** (setting, M. Helman)

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Sylvia Polinski Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele Organist: James Petri Pianist: Jamie Dyer Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

Our altar flowers today are lovingly given by Angela Loya in memory of her mother Victoria Loya on the anniversary of her birthday.

<u>GROW</u>

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

~ John 12:20-26 (NRSV) ~

<u>PRAY</u>

Jason Allen Dorothy Anderson Dolpin Anger **Bill Boelter** Meldene Brown Cynthia Ching Erica Cumminas Mary Dickson David D'Onofrio Darneilia Dupree Bonnie Elstent Michael Flowers Sybil Gassmann Eric Gratton Cynthia Gray Jennifer Gray Abby Gregg Lola Green Gonzalo Hernandez Sage Holzhauer Virginia Koelling

Betty Lanctot Rick Loya Harry Markham Lisa Martin Tina McKiney Thirza Pearce Robecca Sardar Deborah Shuttleworth Derrick Smith Ruthann Trujillo Debbie Wallace Dorothy Wallace David Walker Charlotte White Marilyn & Clark Wissler

All Military Members All Those Facing War LB First Responders Cal-Pac Leadership Cal Heights Leadership

<u>Study</u>

MONDAY - Acts 14:19-28 TUESDAY - 1 Peter 2:21-25 WEDNESDAY - 1 Corinthians 1:3-11 THURSDAY - Isaiah 53:1-6 FRIDAY - Isaiah 53:7-9 SATURDAY - Isaiah 53:10-12 SUNDAY - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11



Sunday, March 17, 2024 A GRAIN OF WHEAT John 12:20-26 (NRSV)

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