

## CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.  
and the United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 am

*Prelude*

*Welcoming*

*Call to Worship*

Leader: This is our day! This is our time! We have been set in this place, at this time, to participate in God's work. God has a plan to change the world.

**People: We are God's plan for changing the world.**

Leader: God has a plan for redeeming the hearts of sinners.

**People: We are God's plan for changing hearts.**

Leader: God has a plan for restoring the beauty of the first days of creation.

**People: We are God's plan. Work through us, O Lord, and we will do amazing things.**

*Opening Hymn*    O How I Love Jesus    170

*Announcements*

*Time with God's Children*    "What's Your Special Gift?"

*Choral Anthem*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord, we confess that we often fall short of what you have called us to do in the world. We see changing the world as a herculean task, and we shrink before the work that needs to be done. We see the hungry and do not offer bread, the thirsty and do not offer cool water, the homeless and do not offer shelter, the hurting and do not offer the hand of healing. We live in a world of scarcity, and sacristry leads to fear that if we give too much, we might find ourselves missing what we need.**

**Break us out of our limited ways of thinking. Help us see the world as a place filled with everything we need. Help us see your creation as a place teeming with good gifts meant for sharing. Lord, turn us into the instruments of change in the world today. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon with the Gloria Patri (Hymnal #70)*

*Sharing our Joys and Concerns*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson*    John 10:22-30

*Hymn*    Where He Leads Me    338

*Second Scripture Lesson Acts 9:36-43*

*Sermon* Learning to Apostle: This is Our Turn

*Affirmation of Faith*

**Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:**

**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

*Blessing the Offering*

Offerings can be place in our offering box in the rear of the sanctuary, mailed to PO Box 896, or through online at [rschurchofchristuniting.com](http://rschurchofchristuniting.com)

*Hymn* Stand Up and Bless the Lord 662

*Benediction*