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We Gather Together and Praise God

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Think about this . . .	To be a friend is to be an equal, Jesus says. He has already demonstrated this at his Last Supper with his disciples by washing their feet. Love happens when we see one another as an expression of Divine Holy Love. Our intentions are clear. There is no hidden agenda, only the common desire to lead with love, not fear. Jesus is about to lay down his life for his friends, literally. Yet he knows that these friends will deny and abandon him in moments of distress. He also knows that love is what they will need to pull them through it. He knows they are capable of it, they will endure. And so will we when love leads the way and we claim each other as friends.
Call to Worship (responsive)	Pastor: Jesus looked at his disciples and saw what they needed in their fear. **All: They needed each other.** Pastor: They needed their connections to restore their assurance. **All: We all need to know that we are not alone.** Pastor: Friends care. Friends abide. Friends love. **All: We are called to love each other as friends.** Pastor: As neighbors, **All: As neighbors.** Pastor: Not others. **All: Not others.**
Music	What a Friend We Have in Jesus; UMH # 526
Opening Prayer (unison)	**Forgive us when we let our fear sideline us, taking us out of the action that is love. Help us to defy the urge to belittle in order to feel safer or better. Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do, help us to restore-not tear down, help us to serve-not judge, help us to reach out-not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship so that all are less alone and less afraid. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word!

First Reading	John 15:12-17
Sermon Series	*Love One Another. Replacing othering with neigboring!*
Children's Message	
Today's Sermon	*You are My Friends!*

We Respond to God's Word

Music	The Church's One Foundation; UMH # 545
Morning Prayer	
Prayer Requests	
The Lord's Prayer	
Invitation to the Offering	In our effort to know Christ, we realize how much God has given to us. May we offer a portion of our gifts to God in thanksgiving and praise for all we have been given.
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95
Offering Prayer	

Going Forth to Serve God

Music And Are We Yet Alive; UMH # 553

Benediction

Postlude



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