



MEDITATION

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

– Romans 12:6-8

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship* (Tim Hughes)

RON AND DEE JAMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

TIM SPANGLER

Leader: Friends, let us worship and give thanks to God today, for God is great –

People: In Jesus Christ, God has blessed us with the gifts of life, faith, and community.

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today, for God is good –

People: In Jesus Christ, God gives us the gift of the communion of the Holy Spirit, blessing us with love, with forgiveness and encouragement, and equipping us with the gift of loving one another.

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today –

People: because as we live together in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, there are gifts of healing, of hope, and of wholeness.

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today --

People: because we are God's people, gifted with love, empowered to live from love, and shaped to share that love with a hurting world.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us worship and give God our thanks and praise!

WELCOMING SONG* *The Gift of Love* (Hal H. Hopson, words; English melody)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 397

All Verses

Holy God, we give you thanks. You greet us with the gift of your grace this day, and you invite us to enter into grace-filled communion with you and one another. You give us unique gifts to share the love, grace, mercy and forgiveness with which you bless our lives. In sharing your gifts to us with others, we become gifts in their lives. In this time of worship, open our hearts to your Spirit. Help us to recognize and receive the gifts you give us in one another. Through those gifts, may we participate in all the ways you are at work in our lives and in this hurting world, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

MICK GRAFF

^{9:35} Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

^{10:1} Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* (John Newton)

RON AND DEE JAMES

SCRIPTURE READING 2 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

TIM SPANGLER AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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.

CLOSING SONG* *The Summons* (John L. Bell, words; Scottish melody)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 350 All Verses

CLOSING PRAYER

TIM SPANGLER

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for the gifts you have given us to live out your Way in the world. We thank you for the opportunity to bless the lives of others with your gifts. Keep us mindful that every good and perfect gift we have comes from you. Give us eyes to see where you want us to share what you have given. Give us ears to listen for those in need. Give us understanding to share your gifts wisely. Give us hearts to share out of gratitude for your generosity and not fear of what we might lose. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Can The Circle Be Unbroken* (A.P. Carter)

RON AND DEE JAMES

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

SENDING SONG* *From "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – verse 3*

CONGREGATION

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

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- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.



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