CLOSING SONG* **Called As Partners in Christ's Service** Congregation

(Jane Parker Huber, words; John Zundel, music)

HYMN NO. 581 **All Verses**

CLOSING PRAYER Cindi Myers

POSTLUDE Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING Pastor Melinda Veatch

OUR MISSION

- 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.

WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

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MEDITATION

Gratitude is a virtue which, according to the apprehension of mankind, approaches more nearly than almost any other social virtue to justice.

– Samuel Parr

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Gratitude evokes grace like the voice and echo. Gratitude follows grace as thunder follows lightning.

– Karl Barth

Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy.

– Wendell Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE ***Instrumental*** Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP Cindi Myers

Leader: We gather to worship the God who calls us to do justice.

People: God, here we are! All glory belongs to you.

Leader: We gather to worship the God who calls us to cherish kindness.

People: God, here we are! From you all good things come.

Leader: We gather to worship the God who calls us to journey humbly side-by-side with all God's' children.

People: God, we are here! Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.

OPENING PRAYER Cindi Myers

WELCOMING SONG* **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven** Congregation

(Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834l adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center and Ruth Duck, 1974; Music: John Goss, 1869)

HYMN NO. **See Insert**

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Micah 6:6-8** Shirley Didier

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **When the Poor Ones** UCSJ Choir
(*David M. Cherwein*)

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings,
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:31-46** Pastor Melinda Veatch

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Just Gratitude** Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG **All Who Love and Serve Your City** Congregation
(Erik Routley, words; The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799)

HYMN NO. 625 **All Verses**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cindi Myers and Pastor 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.