## **Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am
- 2. Link article deadline is October 15, with publishing by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3. Charge Conference 12/1 @4:00pm
- 4. Office Closed on Veterans Day 11/11
- 5. SPRC Meeting after Service today

**Prayer of Confession:** God, Protector of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger – in a world where many know despair, you raised your Son Jesus to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth. Continue to strengthen and unify your Church in its struggles against the forces of death in the world, where violence against creation and humanity obscures the hope of the new life you offer. This we pray in the name of the Risen Lord, in the power of His Spirit. Amen.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Children of God, take a deep breath. Breath in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

People: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Leader: Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

People: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Leader: God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

People: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Leader: How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the

#### **LUMC's Vision Statement:**

"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40

Pharisees or the widow?

All: We will give as people who trust in God's provision, because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

**Hymn;** Onward Christians Soldiers v.1,3,4 UMH#575 TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Kalo

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING Ukulele Band DOXOLOGY UMH#95

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** 

\*HYMN; Make Me a Channel of Your Peace v.1-4

**TFWS#2171** 

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:38-44

Message: "We Give Our All"

\*HYMN; Let There Be Peace on Earth v.1,2,1 UMH#431 \*BENEDICTION: Beloved, go from this place blessed we need, who teaches us to notice the needs of our neighbors, and who inspires us to live in God's abundance as we share with one another. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE

### SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

# The Widow's Offering

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Reader: This is the Word of God Congregation: Thanks be to God

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