

 Gathering 

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, whoever you are, and where ever you've been.

All: We will follow God's call.

One: Come, for no matter your imperfections and doubts,
God calls you "My Beloved People."

All: We will follow God's call.

One: For God will be faithful and bless you with what you need.

All: We will follow God's call.

One: We aren't called to hoard our blessings, but rather to share them with all.

All: We will follow God's call to be a blessing to all. Let us worship God!

* HYMN 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Lord, all we can do is ask for your forgiveness. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us.

— from UKirk Ministries, PC(USA) Office of Evangelism and Church Growth, 2015

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people.

Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 12:8–10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1–9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Rev. Buckley

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God. We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship. We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road toward the "promised land" of God's future. Because Christ has called us, in this we believe.

* HYMN 728

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card

Sending

* HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing;
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.