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UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Prelude:

***Call to Worship:**

One: The Lord is our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth was formed, from everlasting to everlasting, God is God.

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of change.

One: Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is hidden from our eyes. But this moment belongs to the One who makes all things new.

People: We trust the Lord who guides our past, holds our present, and shapes our future.

One: Let us worship the God of new beginnings!

People: Praise be to God, our rock and our redeemer!

***Gathering Hymn #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Invitation to Confession:

Prayer of Confession: *Isaiah 43: 1-3*

But now thus says the Lord who created you, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Isa. 43:1-3

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

One: Friends, hear and share the good news:

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

Song Response to Grace #447

"We Are Forgiven" 1X

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

One: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Sermon

"God is Still Guiding Us" - Rev Ian McMullen

***Hymn # 69**

"Here I Am, Lord"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Offering Invitation & Dedication

***Doxology 607**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Our Life Together

***Sending Hymn #547**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Blessing & Charge

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Share signs of God's peace with one another.

Postlude