

Prelude Laura Murach

Welcome Deacon

Opening Prayer

One: Open our minds that we might grasp those things beyond our preconceptions.

All: Open our ears that we might hear the whispers of the heart.

One: Open our eyes that we might see the beauty in the ordinary.

All: Open our hearts that we might see the lovely in every person. Amen.

***Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling NCH 43

Giving of Children's Bibles Sarah Pradhan

(Deacons collect Joy/Concern cards.)

Song This Little Light of Mine

Scripture

As we hear the words of scripture,

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

John 13: 31-35

Pew Bible, p. 938

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message "How to Fall in Love with Anyone" Rev. Moon

Hymn May I Suggest to You Susan Werner (video)

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

Disciples' 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Song** They'll Know We Are Christians Insert

Charge and Blessing

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

Parting Song

We Are Part of One Another

**We are part of one another
Even when we're far apart
Life is given by one spirit
Flowing through our hearts
We are waves upon the ocean we
Are sep-a-rate yet one.
Every ending a beginning,
Every dawn a day is done.
God within us, everyone.
God between us,
Everyone.**

Postlude

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