

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger forever.

**The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;
as far as the east is from the west,

so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.

For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers we are dust. R

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon
the faithful, and the righteousness of the Lord to children's children, to
those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. R**

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)

Mandy Jones

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Our Core Values: Love All

Rev. Lance Richards

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Rev. Amanda Davis

UMH 885

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unending grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our**

**blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Amanda Davis

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee
(TUNE – UMH 355: Depth of Mercy)

UMH 562

**Jesus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name agree;
show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid our strife forever cease.
By thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove;
each to each unite, endear; come, and spread thy banner here.**

**Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind,
lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.**

**Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear;
to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.**

**Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.**

**Let us then with joy remove to the family above;
on the wings of angels fly, show how true believers die.**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lord, Speak to Me (v. 2)

UMH 463

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Etude

by Gordon Young

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