**Order of Worship**

**February 23, 2025**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;*

*to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude** (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)

**Opening Song**\* (*please stand if you are able*)  **#506** “**I’d Rather Have Jesus”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship** *(Psalm 150:1-2, 6)* ***Ken Gallo, Liturgist***

Liturgist: Hallelujah! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

**People: Praise God’s mighty deeds and noble majesty. All that is alive, praise!**

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!

**People: Hallelujah!**

**Prayer of Confession** *(based on Romans 8:39)* ***Pastor Dustin***

A**LL: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done. Lord, hear our prayers. (*A time for private confession and thanksgiving*)**

**CHOIR: Bells “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel** *(Isaiah 1:18, NRSV)* ***Bill Luff, Liturgist***

Liturgist: Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Congregational Response HYMN: #219 “Surely the Presence”**

**Prayer for Illumination: *Pastor Dustin***

ALL: Eternal God,you have called us to be members of one body.

Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,

that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Congregational Singing: #63 “All Creatures of our God and King”**

**Teaching Moment:**  *“On Prayer”*

*Pastor Dustin*

*“Sermon on the Mount”*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s 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 forever. Amen.***

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Closing Song: “That’s Why We Praise Him”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

“You go nowhere by accident.

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there.

He has purpose in putting you there.

Christ who indwells you has something

He wants to do through you

wherever you are.

Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.”

* Dick Halverson, former Chaplain of the US Congress

**Postlude**