**Order of Worship**

*Please enter a period of silent mediation.*

*Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

**Welcome**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Tolling of the Hour**

**Prelude** Good in Every Way  **(New Horizons)**

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

Liturgist: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in

need of comfort,

**People: Our cup overflows with God’s goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the**

**house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Liturgist:Holy Spirit, we welcome you in this place.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Liturgist:Come, let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn** #111 When Morning Gilds the Skies

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to

your fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways,

our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade.

Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

(*Please continue to confess in a moment of silence*)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of

new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s

grace. Hear the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Anthem:** Because He Lives

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures** Acts 4:5-12 (Liturgist)

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

John 10:11-18 (Rev. Courtney Ducharme)

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** You’re Welcome?*Rev. Courtney Ducharme*

**\*Hymn #**480 Open My Eyes, That I May See

**Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of**

**God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives teaching by**

**word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the**

**brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent**

**and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus**

**was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the**

**sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless**

**life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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 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 the Offering**

**Offertory** Thankful **(New Horizons)**

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #** 603 In Christ There Is No East or West

**Benediction**. (A Gaelic Blessing to follow)

**Postlude**

(\*)Please stand if you are able.

We extend an invitation to all who put their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for salvation to unite with our congregation. A person may meet with our Elders at the regular monthly meeting of the Session and be received into active membership. If you desire more information or a visit with the pastor, please contact the church office.

**Liturgist:** Beth Watson

***Reverend Courtney Ducharme***

*Our Guest Preacher this morning is Reverend Courtney Ducharme. She is an ordained PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament serving as a Chaplain at Lee Health. A retired Colonel in the United States Air Force, Rev. Ducharme then had the privilege of attending Princeton Theological Seminary. She and her husband Jay moved to Ft. Myers to be with Courtney's mother in 2019. They are the grateful parents of two beautiful and accomplished daughters, Christianna and Kaileigh*



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