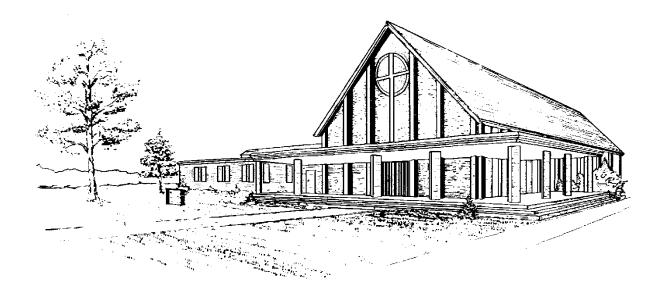
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Isaiah 40:28-31)

Have you not known?

Our God is the Everlasting God, Creator of the Ends of the Earth.

Have you not heard?

God does not faint or grow weary.

Have you not known?

God's understanding is unsearchable.

Have you not heard?

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Have you not known?

Those who wait for God will renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

We come to hear.

We come to know. Thanks be to God.

**DUKE STREET** 

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run. His kingdom stretches from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns. The prisoners leap to lose their chains. The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King. Angels descend with songs again and Earth repeat the loud Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of Your praises, O God? The majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet, we have a tendency to take for granted all that You do for us. We treat the world with indifference, using its resources carelessly, and with little regard for the future. We insist on war as a solution for problems. We turn our backs on people in need. We always believe that someone else will care for others. How foolish we are, O God! You have given us all that we need. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and our spirits. Make us aware of our blessings as well as our responsibilities. Help us to be agents of peace and hope to others. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

# PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

# Congregational Response:

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

# INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer ourselves to You, O God, in these tokens of our lives. May they make a practical difference in this world, bringing light and life to the darkest places. Fill us with Your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of Him who gave Himself for us. Amen.

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 4:12-22 Mark 1:29-39

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON "Jesus the Healer" Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

ST. FLAVIAN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart. Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood, That living bread, and Heavenly wine be our immortal food.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We who gather in Your name, O God, five thanks to You for the gift of this bread and this cup – fruit of the Earth and work of human hands – and pray that for us it might be the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Receive our praise, O God, for Your abundant gifts, which we offer in union with Christ's gift of life for us. Bring us with Him to Life Everlasting. Amen.

HYMN Ours the Journey NEW DIMENSIONS

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

REFRAIN: God of Rainbow, Fiery Pillar, leading where the eagles soar. We, Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever,

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in Your Creation, each a love song to be sung. REFRAIN

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May Your blazing phoenix Spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN

## **BENEDICTION**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God, our Creator, we are family.\*

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(\*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we.)

# **Celebrate "Souper Bowl Sunday" with Us!**

The Vision Team invites you to come and celebrate the Super Bowl with us! Except we're spelling it "Souper" Bowl.

For the past several weeks, we have been collecting cans of soup for our Little Food Pantry.

We are doing this project in partnership with *The Souper Bowl of Caring*, a nation-wide movement that unites communities to tackle hunger. This organization inspires people to alleviate hunger on a local level. All of the soup that is collected is given to a charity of the participant's choice; in our case, to our Little Food Pantry.

Started in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses, and congregations of all faiths. In the 30 years of its existence, over \$163 million in food and donations has been raised for local food pantries. In 2020 alone, thousands of groups collected over \$10.6 million in food and contributions.

# Masks by Leonora – Half Price and BOGO Sale!

Leonora is making room for her spring line, and is having a big sale on selected masks: Half price *and* buy one get one. In other words, 4 for \$10. It doesn't get any better than this! Stock up on masks today. Remember, they make great gifts!

# Join Us on February 14 for Songs and a Movie!

On Sunday, February 14, the Vision Team will sponsor a *Love Songs and Movie* event in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. The movie is called *War Room: The Power of Prayer*. The love songs? They are up to you!

The singing starts immediately after worship, and the movie will start at noon. Admission is free; masks and snacks will be for sale. Please reserve your seat by signing up at the greeting table in the lobby.

# On February 14, We'll Celebrate Love!

The theme of our service on February 14 will be "Love!" Not just romantic love, but the love we have for family, for friends, and for one another.

On February 14, please bring in a photograph of a loved one: a wedding photo, a baby photo, a graduation photo - whatever you like. (It's okay to bring in more than one.) We will invite you to place these photos on the Communion Table as you enter the church. It will be helpful if the photos are in a frame and can stand on their own. These photographs will remind us of God's love for us as we celebrate our love for one another on Valentine's Day.

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