



CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the apostles of old, we journey through life, seeking comfort and community.

**We watch and we wait, we hope and we listen.**

We cannot know what the future may hold, and yet we know...

**In all the places we may go, the message of Jesus goes with us.**

We sing praise to God, longing for transformation.

**Let us sing praise to God, and be transformed together.**

\*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" 436

INVOCATION

**Holy God, you sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give you thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in advocating for those who are vulnerable and walking with those who may feel alone. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Kurt Meyer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 17:1-9

MEDITATION Words, Words, Words

HYMN OF MEDITATION "Community of Christ" 314

A TIME FOR PRAYER

- Silent Prayer
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

**Jesus offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs. Let us join him in the work of building beloved community in the world.**

OFFERTORY "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Ron Mallory

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God Above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 780*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" 448

BENEDICTION

Today you have received the gift of Christ's protective, unceasing love for you. Because you are beloved, may all that you do and all that you are be a reflection of that love.

POSTLUDE "Celestial Charm" by Malcolm C. Wilson

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

We will be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing offering today, April 21. The theme this year is "Share the Light". When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities.

**HEARING ASSIST SYSTEM**

We now have a Hearing Assist system at the UCC church. The units are available to everyone. If you are interested in trying it, come a little early to church to pick up and receive instructions from our Media Director, Paul Ebsen. You can also bring your own headset that has a AUX plug in to use with it.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Chicken/Beef Broth, Cereal, Macaroni, Chili Beans, Dry Noodles, Sugar, Canned Fruits, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, and Personal Care products (especially toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes),