The flowers are given by Sara Little and Barbara Shaver in memory of Sara's mother Aletha Little and brother Jim Little, and by Bettye and Lee Smith in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary

PRELUDE Lied Louis Vierne

## **INVITATION**

One: Formed by God,

Many: We worship the One whose fingerprints creatively shaped each of us.

One: Fashioned by Love,

Many: We worship the One who walked this earth reflecting God's embrace for all.

One: Fueled by Faith,

Many: We worship the One who animates every moment of our life.

One: It is good to be here!

Many: Alleluia and Amen.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Praise to the Living God

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Praise to the living God, the God of Love and light, Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight; Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see, Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive, Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life; Who caused them to evolve, unwitting toward God's goal, Till humankind stood on the earth as living, thinking souls.

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain, Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane. God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

Praise to the living God, around, within, above, Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as Love. In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife, May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, there are moments when the obstacles to living as Your people can seem so intimidating and immense. We wonder if we can really embrace and embody Your calling in our life. We wonder if we are smart enough, brave enough, faithful enough, because we see so clear where we come up short. We measure our lives against others, often without fully understanding how others also struggled. We pretend that we are confident and certain believing if we just convince ourselves, others will see us that way too. Meet us in

all that is stirring and swirling within us this morning. Help us remember, clinging to the truth that Your call in Scripture was rarely to someone who had everything all figured out. Rather, O God, You called the broken, bewildered, and baffled, asking each to trust that You would be there. So we breathe in Your reassurance and remember Your unconditional, unceasing love for each of us. Thank you for meeting us in this moment and waiting for us in every moment to come this week. Amen.

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

SUNG RESPONSE Spirit of Love #58

Spirit of love, You move within creation Drawing the threads to color and design; Life, into life, You knit our true salvation, Come, work with us and weave us into one.

#### **DEDICATION**

Weaving God, You take the threads of time, talent, and treasure of our individual lives to create a beautiful tapestry. You intertwine our actions, words, and presence in ways that are infused and inspired by You. You connect us to others calling us to work together. Keep us open, even when we are uncertain. Keep us curious, even when we are unclear. Keep us grateful that, by Your grace, we are empowered to let our light shine. Amen.

# **ENGAGING SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out His hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

SERMON Calling Sermon Series: Known to Know

HYMN God, Speak to Me That I Might Speak #531

God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Your tone; As You have sought, so let me seek Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way; O feed me so that I may feed Your hungering ones without delay.

O fill me with Your fullness, God, Your overflowing love to know; In glowing word and kindling thought, Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

## LORD'S PRAYER & PASTORAL 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.

CLOSING HYMN God, When I Came Into This Life Tune: New Britain

God, when I came into this life, You called me by my name; Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast, I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt, Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true; Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE Postlude in F Eric Thiman

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