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Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able*

*GATHERING	<i>“Seek Ye First”</i>	<i>UMH 405</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pastor Lindsey</i>
PASSING THE PEACE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		<i>Colette Barth</i>
Leader: God is great, and greatly to be praised!		
ALL: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.		
Leader: God, how great is your name throughout the earth!		
ALL: We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.		
Leader: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!		
ALL: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.		
Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Come! Let us worship God.		
*HYMN	<i>“Surely the Presence of the Lord”</i>	<i>UMH 328</i>
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		<i>Pastor Lindsey</i>
LORD’S PRAYER		<i>Pastor Lindsey</i>
FIRST READING	<i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>	<i>Colette Barth</i>
CHILDREN’S TIME		<i>(If children are present)</i>
HYMN	<i>“Near to the Heart of God”</i>	<i>UMH 472</i>
GOSPEL LESSON	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>	<i>Pastor Lindsey</i>
SERMON		<i>Pastor Lindsey</i>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we neglect to acknowledge you as God in our lives.

We live like we have complete control over our own future.

We forget that you created us and that we are the sheep of your pasture.

We separate ourselves from the flock and abandon our bonds with one another as we try to do it all on our own.

We have traded gratitude for individualism and thanksgiving for self-reliance.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to live as your grateful people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the good news:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

While we were yet sinners, God made a way for us to return to God and to return to one another.

By God's grace, we are a forgiven and reconciled people.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY

Video

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529

BENEDICTION

Worship Leaders
Rev. Lindsey Smith Jr.



Liturgist	Music Leader	Greeters/Ushers
Colette Barth		Mildred & Stayton Weldon

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Brandon Caldwell	Emily Cheatham	Joseph Ross
Teresa Evens	Brian Vandell	Joe Reuss
Sundra Reyes	Tina Heiser & Candy	Elizabeth Reid
Ralph Thompson	Wayne Wolf	Roger Junker
Lisa	Lisa Langton	Roy Goldman
Faye Duckett	Michael Greenly	Angelia Howard
Ray & Theresa Strickland	Bob Barth	Cheryl Sweet Family
Ron & Shelly	Ezra Salinas	Bob West
Pauline Kuecker	Gail James	Dorothy Dupnik
Grayson	Amanda Lynn	Myra Parr Family
Joe Hoskey	Samuel & Melinda Johnson	Bubba Salles