

# A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

"Lord of the Dance"

Shaker Melody

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**People: Holiness present in the silent earth beneath us.**

Leader: Holiness present in the pulsing of the sun and stars.

**People: Holiness present in the chorus of life, breathing together, even here in this room.**

**All: God of creation, open us to the beauty in and around us in this hour of worship**

### \*Hymn

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

No. 331

### Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:

### Prayer of Confession

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, within this precious moment in your presence and power, grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole.**

*(Please observe a moment of silent, personal confession)*

### Assurance of Pardon

God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love. Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God. Live in the way of Christ. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

May peace always find a way into our hearts and our relationships. Share that peace now with each other in the name of Christ our Lord.

### Children's Message

#### Responsive Reading

*from Psalm 150*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### Anthem

"Alleluia"

arr. John Coates, Jr.

### Scripture

Acts 5: 12-29

### Sermon

"Healing as a Threat to Power"

Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*from St. Patrick's "Breastplate" Prayer*

**I bind unto myself today  
The virtues of the starlit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
The whiteness of the moon at even,  
The flashing of the lightning free,  
The whirling wind's tempestuous  
shocks,  
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,  
Around the old eternal rocks.**

**I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need.  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to  
ward,  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.**

**\*Hymn**

"I Will Come to You"

No. 177

**Prayers of the People and for the Future of our Church**

*concluding with The Lord's Prayer*

**The Offering of God's People**

**\*Offertory Response**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

No. 240

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of giving. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in your service. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Christ Be Beside Me"

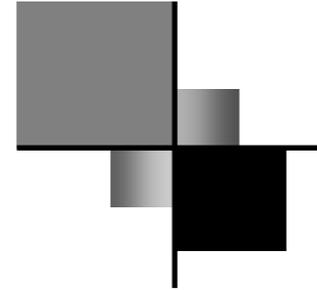
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**\* Benediction**

*From a blessing of Ring Lake Ranch*

Holy One go with us wherever you may lead us. Guide us through the wilderness; protect us from the storms. Lead us home rejoicing at the wonders you have shown us; lead us home rejoicing once again unto our door.

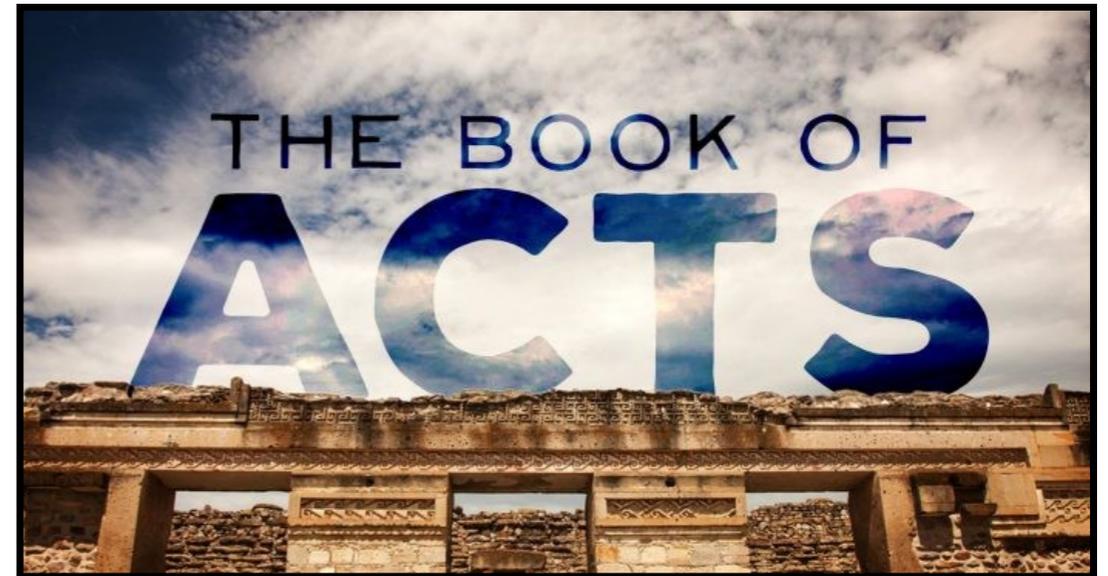
**\* Benediction Response**



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