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Welcome & Announcements (Stuart)

Introduction of self and mention of the mission of Morning Star:

~Our mission is to point people to the grace of God found in Jesus Christ.

1. Children's Ministry is holding a special listening session for those with children up to 5th grade, and those who serve in Children's Ministry. It will be held today at 3:00. No RSVP needed, just come out and be a part of this important conversation.
2. Morning Star will be holding a special wedding event on Valentine's Day – walk-up and drive-through.
3. So who won Fantasy Football?

Call to Worship (Stuart)

Someone: Then I heard the voice of God saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Everyone: And I said, "Here I am, send me!" And God said, "Go..."

Someone: Gracious and Loving God, You have sent us, we have said we'll go.

Everyone: Please give us the courage to stand for you, to break the chains of injustice, and proclaim your Good News. AMEN.

Peace (Stuart)

And now, please pass the peace to one another from where you are standing.

Opening Hymn: UMH # 600 Wonderful Words of Life v 1-3

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Scripture (Amy)

James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters,^[a] if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹ Was not

our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Sermon (Amy): Faith Works (2 of 3)

Holy Justice Series: Where Faith and Action Meet

Pastoral Prayer (Amy)

Gracious and Loving God,

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the pain of the world. We want to turn off the evening news and tune out the stories of human suffering, but we know that you call us to pay attention to those around us, to do more than simply give to worthy causes, to do more than pray the situation into your hands. Help us to live out our faith every day, resisting wickedness and living with compassion that spurs us to action. Inspire us to meet the needs of others, to reach out with hand and heart and to provide for the real human needs of others, trusting that this is what it means to love our neighbors.

In the name of Jesus we pray as he taught his disciples . . .

The Lord’s Prayer (Amy)

**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 trespasses**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering (*Video only*)

Doxology

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

Hymn: UMH # 98 To God Be the Glory v 1-3

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

Holy Communion (Amy)

(Begin with a word of inclusion and a reference to the elements.)

(Invitation)

*It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.*

*In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.*

*In that remembrance, we include an acknowledgement of ways that we
could follow Jesus more closely. We do this in a time of silent confession,
followed by a prayer that we say together aloud.*

First, let us observe a moment of silent confession . . .
[SILENCE]

And now, let us pray together . . .

(Confession/Assurance)

**Almighty God, too often we settle for brokenness in our lives.
Rather than offering forgiveness, we hold onto offense.
Rather than pursuing justice, we turn away.
Rather than offering mercy, we continue in judgment.
Gracious God, these are not the ways of your kingdom.
Make us hunger and thirst for righteousness that we might see
our need for Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.**

Hear this good news: It is possible for us to live out God's holiness on earth as we are nourished by living in the ways of Jesus, trusting that in his name, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Institution)

*On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,*

*"Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,
"This is the new covenant, remember me."*

We do remember.

**We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his
dying,
and his rising to life again.**

(Consecration)

Let us pray . . .

*Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,
we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us.*

*Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.*

*So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness,
so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with
you and with one another.*

*Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen.*

(Distribution)

*Beloved, with gratitude in our hearts for the faithfulness of God, I invite
you to partake with me now, as we remember, once again . . .*

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

(The bread is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)

This is the cup of salvation, poured out for you.

(The cup is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Prayer After Receiving)

Let us pray together . . .

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has
laid on our hearts.
We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Amy)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil;
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #548 In Christ There is No East or West v 1, 2, 4

**1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.**

**4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Blessing (Amy)

(A Franciscan Blessing)

May God bless us with a restless *discomfort*
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our heart.
May God bless us with holy *anger*
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
**so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace
among all people.**

May God bless us with the gift of *tears*
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the
loss of all that they cherish,
**so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and
transform their pain into joy.**

May God bless us with enough *foolishness*
to believe that we really can make a difference in this world,
**so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim
cannot be done.**

*In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer who loves us very
much, Amen.*

Go in peace, to love and serve!