WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music
Responsive Reading
  One: Something so big
  **All: We can't hold it.**
  One: Something so deep
  **All: We can't reach it.**
  One: Yet it beckons.
  **All: It has many names.**
  One: God.
  **All: Love.**
  One: Truth.
  **All: Community.**
  One: God is in all of it,
  **All: And God draws us here.**
  One: To feel some light.
  **All: To dwell in some peace.**
  One: To experience some love.
  **All: To sing some joy.**

Hymn #444  “O Young and Fearless Prophet” (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Invocation (*worship leader prays aloud*)
  Holy One, with our ancestors and all the people of God, we gather to sing your praises. You are the one who has created the cosmos and the ants. You give food to whales and sparrows, name the stars, and count the hairs on our heads.
  Compassionate One, we offer you our thanksgiving for your many blessings.
  Powerful One, inspire us this day: to turn our praise into action, to share your good news with those who long to hear a word of hope, to proclaim your message of peace and justice throughout the world. Praise to you! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #3014 “You Are Good”*)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry  Erich Grimm-Schmitt
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:  Mark 1:29-39
Message:  “Keeping On”  Lori Leopold

Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual and Discipleship Ministries UMC.
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God’s guidance as we sing #349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”)

Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer
Offering of Gifts (followed by)
Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)
God, you have created the universe. Everything we see has come into being because of you. Your glory is beyond our comprehension. Yet, you give us the most precious gift imaginable: your everlasting love and faithfulness. With great joy we now offer our own gifts—tiny in comparison, but given with grateful hearts that belong to you, now and always. We are thankful for the opportunity to put these gifts to work proclaiming your gospel of love. Amen.

Communion

Hymn #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

Benediction
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).