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PRELUDE/ COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

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PASSING THE PEACE

CALL

TO

WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Based on Jeremiah 23:1-6)

Liturgist: Your season comes, Lord. Come once again and feed your flock like a shepherd.

Congregation: Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth.

Liturgist: Turn our hearts to the least of your children, for if we lose them, we become lost.

Congregation: Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt.

Liturgist: Join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household.

Congregation: Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Victory in Jesus (v. 1-3)

UMH #370

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to Hell; the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to

judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NKJV)
Liturgist

Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

**Please stand as you are able*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the direction and the wisdom that the Apostles' Creed provides to me and the life of the church and all of Christianity. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11(NKJV)
Liturgist

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

^{NKJ} **Matthew 2:9** ... and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly

great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 1-4)

UMH #560

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

North

Shout to the

Choir

SERMON

Pastor

Title: "Religious Questions People Ask"

Theme: Christianity and World Religions

Purpose: To address the various questions that people have regarding the many religions in the world today.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

HOLY
(insert)

COMMUNION

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *This Is My Father's World* (v. 1-3)
UMH #144

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION
Pastor

*Go now and live before God in openness and integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God, not clinging to your own life, but taking up your cross and following Jesus. And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant; May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory; And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith and lead you in the ways of righteousness. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ...and all of God's people said, **Amen.***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE