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WE GATHER

PRELUDE

▲OPENER

"Good Grace"

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

INTROIT

▲CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be one,
We are here.

Called to be strong,
We are here.
Called in devotion to God,
We gather to worship and pray.

~Abingdon Worship Annual 2017

▲OPENING SONG

"Oh How Good It Is"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...and now praying together...

***Forgive us, O God,
when we treat people as though they are just a nuisance.
when we are annoyed with others' behavior
when people unexpectedly assert themselves
when we find it difficult to include those who think or act differently from the norm
when we are cruel in our judgements or exclusion
Forgive us, O God, when we do not hear or heed Jesus' prayer for unity
Open our eyes to any ways in which we can encourage justice.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

~ from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website.
<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/>

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

▲RESPONSE SONG #468

"In My Life (Be Glorified)"

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:6-14
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Common English Bible

CHORAL ANTHEM

"I Love To Tell the Story"
Virtual Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11, 20-23
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Common English Bible

SERMON

Prayerful Practices: "Pray! (for others)"
Rev. Paul Knopf

TO RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE SONG

"Build My Life"

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"
James Walters, Handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO BE SENT WITH BLESSING

▲CLOSING HYMN #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

▲BENEDICTION

Called to be one,

we go forth in unity and love.

Called to be strong,

we go forth in the power of the Spirit.

Called in devotion to God,

we go forth in ministry and witness to the world.

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▲CLOSER

"Nobody"

▲POSTLUDE

~~~~~End of Worship...Beginning of Service~~~~~

## ***Scripture Readings***

### **Acts 1:6-14**

### **Common English Bible (CEB)**

6 As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

7 Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

9 After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. 11 They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus' son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James' son— 14 all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

### **John 1:1-11, 20-23**

### **Common English Bible (CEB)**

17 When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. 2 You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. 3 This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. 4 I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

6 "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

9 "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. 10 Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. 11 I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one.

<sup>20</sup> "I'm not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. <sup>21</sup> I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. <sup>22</sup> I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.