

*Welcome! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**Prelude****Chimes****Welcome & Sharing Our Service and Friendship Opportunities****\* Greeting One Another****\* Song** *We Love Your Realm* St. Thomas

We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.  
We recognize with hope and joy, the worlds as your domain.

We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life  
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife

Beyond our brokenness, we seek to know your ways  
Of deep communion, solemn vows, and hymns of love and praise.

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God we come to worship you, hungering and thirsting. We hunger and thirst for your love, for your presence with us, and for your realm to come in its fullness and glory. Help us to find the presence of your love here in worship that our thirst might be satisfied and our hunger filled. Hear us as we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Receiving our Tithes and Offerings****Offertory****\* Doxology****\* Prayer of Dedication**

God of love and light, we give thanks for the ways your love has blessed us. We give thanks that you have asked us to share our blessings with others. Accept these tithes and offerings as a sign of our gratitude and use them for your glory. Let them touch people with your love through our ministries here and our church's wider mission, all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Time with the Children** – *children are invited to join Dr. Havens on the steps at the front.*

*Afterwards they may return to sit with their families or go to the nursery.*

**\* Song** *The Gift of Love* Folk tune/Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, and are freed.  
A-a-a men, a – a men.

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Choral Amen**

**Scripture Lesson** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *NT page 175*

**Choral Anthem**

**The Message** "Winning at Love" Bruce Havens

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion****The Invitation**

**Communion Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** [ "*trespasses*" ]

**Words of Institution and the Distribution**

Wine is offered in the center cups, white grape juice is offered around the edge of the tray.  
Everyone is welcome to participate. Please take the bread and the cup as it is passed and hold each until we all partake together at the Pastor's words. Gluten free wafers are available.

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving****\* Song** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;  
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place.  
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love and praise.

**Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response** *Alleluia* [ *joining hands* ]

**Postlude** *ALL MUSIC LICENSED UNDER CCLI #639547*

\*Those who are able, please stand.