

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Carol Todd: "Happy are those who find wisdom,

Many Voices: **And those who gain understanding.**

Carol Todd: For the profit of wisdom is better than silver,

Many Voices: **And her gain more precious than gold.**

Carol Todd: Jesus calls us to seek first the kingdom of God,

Many Voices: **And to follow him, letting go of what holds us back.**

Carol Todd: Come, people of God, let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts.

Many Voices: **We come to honor God with our time, our talents, and our treasures!**

***Opening Hymn**

"Jesus Calls Us"

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***Passing the Peace**

Opening Prayer

Carol Todd: Gracious and Generous God, you are the source of all wisdom and the giver of every good gift. As we gather today, open our hearts to your teaching. Help us to treasure wisdom above wealth, and to follow Jesus with wholehearted devotion. Release us from anything that holds us back, and lead us into the joy of generous living. Bless our worship this morning and make us faithful stewards of your grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: God of abundance and blessing, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our trust. Use them to build your kingdom, to bring wisdom, hope, and life to others. Teach us to give with joy and to live with open hands, that we may reflect the generous love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Gospel Lesson

Proverbs 3:13-14 (CEB)

Matthew 19:16-24 (CEB)

Carol Todd: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"Seek Ye First"

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Proclaiming

"Discovering Gravity"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Take My Life, And Let It Be"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World