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Sunday, March 4, 2018

**Gifts of Women Sunday**

8:30am

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PRELUDE *"Come Thou Fount"/ "Come Thou Almighty King" – arr. Houlton*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 33*

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when we live in unity.

**People: It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew.**

Leader: We gather here together with our hearts and voices  
raised to God,

**All: Who is the center of our unity and praise!**

\*HYMN *"Here in This Place"*

*see insert*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving and merciful God, You have searched us and known us and still You love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and Your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love, but we are reluctant leaders, or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow You and to help lead others to You. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Ephesians 4:1-6 (NT p193)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Book of Ruth (OT p241)*

SERMON

*"Three Stories of Leading with Love"*

Worship Team

\*HYMN

*"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*

*see insert*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – arr. Fettke*

Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith . . . Presbyterian*

*Church USA)*

**In a broken and fearful world, the spirit gives us courage  
To pray without ceasing,  
To witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
To unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
To hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*\*[As you come forward, the leaders will offer the bread with words such as,  
"The body of Christ for you"; and the cup with words such as,  
"The blood of Christ for you." As you receive these gifts,  
you may simply respond with, "Amen" – in this way you acknowledge the  
bread and cup as God's gifts to you through Jesus Christ.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION

**11:00am**

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Everlasting God*

*10,000 Reasons*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

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Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:1-6; Book of Ruth

Sermon

*"Three Stories of Leading with Love"*

Communion

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

\*Benediction

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