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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

WELCOME: – Rev. John Oda, Sr. Pastor

***GREETING:** – Barbara Hiura

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: God's mercy endures forever.

***OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison) – Barbara Hiura

O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent

of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SONG: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402**

– Shane Cantanho

African American Spiritual

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Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: – Rev. Dale Tremper

One: Holy One of Nazareth, we see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life,

Many: Yet we still struggle to trust you.

One: You send us out,

Many: But we want to stay home.

One: You provide partners for the journey,

Many: But we want to go it alone.

One: You give us authority over evil,

Many: But we don't know how to use it.

One: You say we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,

Many: But we pile the houses full of clothes, gadgets and food.

One: You tell us to accept hospitality,

Many: But we don't like to put people out.

One: You say that if people are unkind, we should simply shake the dust off of our feet,

Many: But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.

One: We have much to learn from you, Jesus, about traveling gracefully through this life.

All: Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: – Rev. Dale Tremper

Hear these words from Christ: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So go forth into this season of Lent in the power of the almighty, who forgives you and loves you. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Dust to Dust, Ashes to Ashes”

– Chancel Choir

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SCRIPTURE #1: – Barbara Mulford

Matthew 6:1-6

¹“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the

door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

SCRIPTURE #2: – Yumi Haraguchi

Matthew 6:16-21

¹⁶“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

REFLECTION: – Rev. John Oda, Sr. Pastor

THE LORD’S PRAYER : – Rev. John Oda (In Unison)

Our Creator, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN: “Abide with Me” UMH #700, vs. 1-2

– Shane Cantanho

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Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES : – Rev. John Oda

When the ashes are placed upon your forehead, the pastor will say, “Turn away from Self and back toward God.”

HYMN: “Abide with Me” UMH #700, vs. 3-4

– Shane Cantanho

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I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

***BENEDICTION**: – Rev. Dale Tremper

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