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## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## SONG OF CELEBRATION

*Open Up the Heavens*

## STATEMENT OF MISSION

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

## SONG OF WORSHIP

*Your Love Is Deep*

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Listen to the prayers of your Church, Lord God, in the presence of the angels we praise your name. Stretch out your hand to us in our struggles and sufferings, perfect in us the work of your love and help us to live life in your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

## SONG OF PRAYER

*Good Good Father*

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

## HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

Mark 4:2-9, 26-29

He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>"Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

## TIME OF REFLECTION

Rev. Michael Burkett

## SONG OF SENDING FORTH

*How He Loves*

## BENEDICTION

Leader: The blessing of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever.

People: Amen.

## GO IN PEACE

■ *Prayers for Healing & Comfort* ◇ Dorothy Barlow