### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting Introit Welcome

Call to Worship Julie Cox

One: You do not have to be good.

All: You do not have to walk on your knees for 100 miles through the desert, repenting.

One: You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

All: Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

One: Meanwhile, the world goes on. Meanwhile, the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.

All: Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clear blue air, are heading home again.

One: Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls you like the wild geese, harsh, and exciting —

All: over and over announcing your place, yours and mine, in the family of things.

\*Opening Hymn #61

"Come Holy Comforter"

Sung to the tune "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come to us now as we sing, thy Holy Name we bring, Help us to praise! Maker all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear, In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, come now to every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power!

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see, And to eternity, love and adore.

### **Opening Prayer**

Imagine that the world is a circle, that God is the center, and that the radii are the different ways human beings live. When those who wish to come closer to God walk towards the center of the circle, they come closer to one another at the same time as to God. The closer they come to God, the closer they come to one another. And the closer they come to one another, the closer they come to God.

\*Please stand as you are able

Credit for liturgical elements: "Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver from New and Selected Poems; St. Dorothea's of Gaza, Instructions VI, 6th century; Rev. Lesley Brogan

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #176

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Majesty, worship his majesty:

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

#### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Pastor Lori

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Psalm 130

Message: Backward and Forward Rev. Lesley Brogan

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

### Song of Prayer #334

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

### Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,

Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

### Repeat refrain

# Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

## \*Doxology

Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.

Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.

Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.

Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!

Alleluia! Bless the God of love!

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able

### \*Prayer of Dedication

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all God's lovingkindness. Use these gifts and us, we pray in faith and hope and love this day and in the days to come. Amen.

### \*Closing Hymn #145

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

#### \*Benediction

\*On Eagle's Wings #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand.



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. *All* are welcome at PBUMC!

Today's beautiful arrangement is a Thank You to the congregation for all the healing prayers, cards, phone call and flowers received, from Joleene Persky.

We are also celebrating the 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Tim Adams' parents, Lois and Richard Adams.

PB UMC offers a three week "Belonging Class" for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church.

September 15<sup>th</sup>, Class 1: What's a United Methodist?

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Class 2: Connected and Involved

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Class 3: Next Steps to Church Membership

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