

Crossroads United Pastoral Charge  
September 6, 2020

## **We Gather as God's People**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

One: We begin our worship with an invitation – come, Lord Jesus, be among us this morning.

**All: Move our hearts and souls with scripture, reflection, prayers and music, that our fellowship together may be pleasing in your sight.**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Even with a congregation of two or three,

**All: you're present with us, O God.**

One: Even with our questions and doubts,

**All: you're present with us, O God.**

One: Even when the world is turned upside down,

**All: you're present with us, O God.**

One: Come, now is our time to worship God.

### **Hymn: #402 [VU] We Are One**

### **Opening Prayer**

One: Today is a time for celebrating your presence with us, O God.

**All: Throughout these six months that we've been physically apart, we rejoice at the opportunity we now have to for in-person worship.**

One: Give us the assurance that you've always been with us, continue to take pleasure in us, and are known to you.

**All: You've called us, O God, empowered us, and helped us to live honorably and humbly in the spirit of Christ.**

One: We know we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need in the weeks and months ahead. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn #583 [VU] Jesus Came, A Child Like Me**

### **Time with the Young-at-Heart**

## **We Listen For God's Word**

**Scriptures:** Romans 13:8-13a

Psalm 149

Matthew 18:15-20

### **Reflection**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

## **Hymn #427 [VU] To Show by Touch and Word**

### **Prayer of Confession**

One: O God, when we're tempted to evade the accusations of others, give us the courage to face the issues directly.

**All: When we're tempted to take advantage of our power or position, give us the courage to walk in the shoes of the powerless.**

One: When we're tempted to compromise the truth, give us the courage to stand for what we know to be right.

**All: When we're tempted to ignore the demands of our Christian faith, give us the courage of Jesus, who was faithful all the way to the cross. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: As we confess our short comings to God, we're given an opportunity to begin again. As we walk confidently in a new direction, pardon and peace are ours.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Dedication of Offering**

### **Prayers of the People**

## **Hymn #674 [VU] Fight the Good Fight**

### **Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: We go into the world by the justice of God,

**All: filled with the grace of the Spirit,**

One: living our faith as disciples of Jesus,

**All: this day and every day. Amen.**