Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

We have been called – each one of us from our own places – our own contexts.

Gather us in

We have been called to spread the Good News of God’s Kin-dom.

Gather us in

It is the news of God’s love – the news of God’s peace.

Gather us in

In this place where a new light streams, give us the courage to enter the song.

Gather us in

Opening Hymn  Black Binder # 17 “Gather Us In”

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, you have called us. You have called us to work for Justice and Peace. Provide us with love that embraces all your creation. And then, give us the courage to step up and go out into the world. Help us. We can not do this alone. Amen

Musical Response:  Black Binder #18 “Make Us One

Children’s Time

Word in Song: 8:30 Trudy Guinther and Karen Gilbert, 11:00 Kathy Adair
Sacred Reading:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid.

Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kin-dom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kin-dom of God has come near.”

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them,

‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner
Hymn Black Binder #19 “Here I Am, Lord”

Prayers of the People (Lord’s Prayer in Hymnal)

Communion

Minister: As we gather around the table to be nourished by this meal we remember that this is not our table this is God’s table and that means all are welcome at this table. The bread is gluten free and there is grape juice in the cup.

Gathering around the table as we celebrate life together we remember so many stories shared around tables;

Liturgist: Tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, reshaped.

Minister: Gathering around the table this morning, we break the bread and touch the mystery that in our brokenness we become whole;

Liturgist: We fill the cup and remember the abundance discovered in each new sharing of our sacred stories. Together, around the table, we pray:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Communion Response NCH #347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Let us pray with thanksgiving
Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How Shall We Do God’s Work in the World
Black Binder #20 “This Little Light of Mine”

Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, we give thanks. We ask your blessing on these gifts of time, talent, and treasure as we use them to do God’s work in the world. Amen

Hymn NCH #309 “We Are Your People”

Benediction

Postlude