Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words
Response: We are filled with Hope

On those days when the world seems to be toppling, we remember the words of creation: it is very good…

We are filled with Hope

When the burdens of our life lay heavy on our hearts, we hear the story of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field…

We are filled with Hope

When the day breaks with such beauty it takes our breath away…

We are filled with Hope

And when we gather together, a community bursting with a vision of shalom

We are filled with Hope

Opening Hymn  Binder #45 “God of Grace”

Let us pray  Ruth C. Duck

Gracious God, bless us,
And make your face shine on us,
That your way may be known on earth,
And your saving power among all nations.
Praise be to you from all the peoples, O God. Amen

Musical response: Hymnal #283 “Spirit of the Living God”

Children’s Time

Word in Song: Youth Choir
Sacred Reading:
Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reading “I have come into this world to see this” ~Hafiz

I have come into this world to see this:
the sword drop from men's hands even at the height of their arc of anger
because we have finally realized there is just one flesh to wound and it is His - the Christ's, our Beloved's.
I have come into this world to see this: all creatures hold hands as we pass through this miraculous existence we share on the way to even a greater being of soul, a being of just ecstatic light, forever entwined and at play with Him.
I have come into this world to hear this:
every song the earth has sung since it was conceived in the Divine's womb and began spinning from His wish,
every song by wing and fin and hoof,
every song by hill and field and tree and woman and child,
every song of stream and rock, every song of tool and lyre and flute,
every song of gold and emerald and fire,
every song the heart should cry with magnificent dignity
to know itself as
God:
for all other knowledge will leave us again in want and aching - only imbibing the glorious Sun will complete us.
I have come into this world to experience this:
men so true to love
they would rather die before speaking an unkind word,
men so true their lives are His covenant - the promise of hope.
I have come into this world to see this:
the sword drop from men's hands even at the height of their arc of rage because we have finally realized there is just one flesh we can wound.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Hymnal #448 “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

Prayers of the People (Lord’s Prayer in front of binder)

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.

**Response** Binder #6 “Here Are Our Hearts”

**Pray of Thanksgiving** (in front of binder) 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
Hymnal #2 “Glory, Glory Hallelujah” verses 1-4

Prayer of Dedication (in front of binder)
Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time, talent, and treasure as we use them to do Your work in the world. Amen

Hymn Binder #32 “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

Benediction

Postlude