

# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



of **AFTON**



## Prelude

## Welcome

### Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,**

**and we deny your presence in our lives,**

**we deny your presence in the faces of those we encounter.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others**

**as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

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## Prayer

*Baptized and Set Free*

**Scripture Reading: Romans 6: 20-23**

**Gospel Reading, Matthew 10: 40-42**

**Sermon**

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

**Hymn of the Day**

*Amazing Grace*

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**Prayers of God's People**

God of Love, **receive our prayers.**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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**Postlude**