

Words to Ponder: “The shadow,” according to American poet Robert Bly, is “the long bag that we drag behind us containing all the dark parts of ourselves that we would like to keep secret.”

PRELUDE “Total Praise” Michael Turner

GATHERING MUSIC “Shake the Devil Off” Music Ministry

WORDS OF WELCOME | +PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Ann Hayman

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Glenn Johnson

Christ abides in us,

And we abide in him.

Christ has the words of eternal life:

We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.

As we hear the gospel of peace today,

Let us choose again whom we will serve.

We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

the God who hears and answers when we call.

We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

Trusting God to meet us as we gather.

Let us worship our God together!

OPENING HYMN “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” PH #363

CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Glenn Johnson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ’s name we pray; Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Elder Glenn Johnson

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “When We Do Something Really Dumb” Rev. Ann Hayman

