

Words to Ponder: Be willing to learn from the spiritual teachers all around you, however unlikely or unlike you they may be. Always be a sensitive student and a knowledgeable servant.

PRELUDE "Lord I Want to Be a Christian!" **Michael Turner, Piano**

GATHERING MUSIC "Sing unto the Lord a New Song!" **Music Ministry**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146) **Elder Glenn Johnson**

Praise God! Praise the Holy One, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob and Leah, whose hope is in their God.

+OPENING HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" **PH # 394**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Elder Glenn Johnson**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **Elder Glenn Johnson**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE "The Crayon Box that Talked" **Rev. Ann Hayman**

ANTHEM "Encourage My Soul" **Music Ministry**

A MINUTE FOR TWO MINISTRY TEAMS **Elder Yvonne Kemp**
Administration, Personnel and Finance Ministry Team

Christian Education Ministry Team **Elder Damon Green**

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Elder Glenn Johnson**

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 35:4-7** **Elder Glenn Johnson**

ANOTHER MINUTE FOR TWO MINISTRY TEAMS **Elder Keith Swan**
Congregational Life Ministry Team

Evangelism, Church Growth, Mission and Social Justice **Elder Tracie Lyons**

A BRIEF WORD ABOUT THE WORD

Rev. Ann Hayman

“Jesus Learns a Lesson” Mark 7: 24-30

WHAT WE BELIEVE (Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

ANOTHER MINUTE FOR OUR LAST MINISTRY TEAM

**Elders Baxter Talbert
and James van Zoeren**

Worship and Spiritual Life Ministry Team

And Other Opportunities to Serve

Rev. Ann Hayman

A PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Ann Hayman

THE OFFERING

Call to Giving

Elder Glenn Johnson

Offertory

“What Shall I Render?”

Music Ministry

+Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people here below,
praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Glenn Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Glenn Johnson

+CLOSING HYMN

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

PH #398

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Ann Hayman

**May we leave this house of worship today, following God’s Spirit into the
world, calling us to an inclusive, barrier-breaking love.**

**May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“If We Never Pass This Way Again!”

Music Ministry