\*HYMN – "Take My Gifts" blue hymnal No. 381

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – "Threefold Amen"

trad.

**POSTLUDE** – "Lobe Den Herren"

Walther

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\*Please stand as you are able...

#### OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF WELCOME

Believing that everyone is a child of God, it is with joy, and in the love of Christ, that we welcome all persons into the full life, ministry and mission of Dennis Union Church. We choose not to turn away anyone whom Christ would welcome. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person including, but not limited to, people of every race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, family structure or economic circumstance. We celebrate God's creative love shown in the wide diversity of humanity and the unique gifts each of us brings to the world. It is our intention to love one another as Christ has loved us.

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With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.

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### SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

#### RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** – "Martyn" (Jesus, Lover of My Soul)

Young

WELCOME

**CENTERING PRAYER** (Chalice Worship)

Loving God, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, our minds to know what is true, and our hearts to love what is good; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are on a journey... A journey of faith.

We are on a journey... **A journey of growing generosity.** 

We walk the hard road... *The road of discipleship.* 

We encounter Jesus... **The Bread of Life.** 

\*HYMN – "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

blue hymnal No. 606

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Lord, you have put many valuable things into our hands, but we have so many times shown ourselves to be ungrateful and selfish with your gifts, either hoarding them or wasting them. The good land you have given us, the gift of freedom, food in abundance, our time of life and the liberal ministry of your Word have all been too carelessly received and treated by us. Teach us to value these things and to care for them as stewards, that we may distribute them to others according to your will and pass them along with interest to those who come after us. Amen.

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

# \*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Rev. Sarah Carpenter-Vascik

Salvation Army Lunch

**ANTHEM** - "Totus Tuus"

Trotta

I belong to you, and all that I am I give to you. I take you as my all.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** II Corinthians 9:6-12

Bible p. 942

SERMON "Growing in Generosity"

Rev. Terry Martinson

**OFFERING** – "Is There Anybody Here?"

\*DOXOLOGY (blue hymnal No. 46)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE** 

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** 

**COMMUNION HYMN** – "God of the Fertile Fields"

blue hymnal No. 695

arr. Hampton

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**SANCTUS** 

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you. Lord.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** 

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Chalice Worship)

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal.

We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.