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## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HYMN      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      UMH #121**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior  
There is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of our mind  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should rest up on God's word  
And our lives would be illumined  
By the presence of our Lord.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*Kathy Holmes*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### Prayer Requests

Amy Salley  
Brittany Johnson  
Brightwell Family  
Darlene Thomas  
Debbie Mullins  
Elnora Holmes  
Emily Bucknam

Erica  
Fox Family  
Frances Nunnally  
Frances Owen  
Iris Ward  
Jimmie Early  
Justus

Joanne Jenkins  
The Monk Family  
Lois Crafton  
Matt Amason  
Maureen  
Mitch Early  
Nancy Hulon  
Oliver Family

Peggy Burch  
Rev. Tom Brown  
Sandy Gentry  
Sara Katherine Reid  
Shirley Wiegand  
Thomas Miller  
Tom Doyle  
Williams Family

## SCRIPTURE

### **Ephesians 2: 1-10** (NRSV)

2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### **Ephesians 2: 1-10** (NLT)

2 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## SERMON

### **But God - We Used to Be**

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

## PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, for  
ever.  
Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**HYMN**                    **You Are Everything**                    *Matthew West*

I'm the one with two left feet,  
standing on a lonely street,  
I can't even walk a straight line.  
And every time you look at me,  
I'm spinning like an autumn leaf,  
Bound to hit bottom some time  
Where would I be without someone to save me,  
Someone who won't let me fall?  
You are everything that I live for,  
Everything that I can't believe is happening  
You're standing right in front of me,  
With arms wide open, all I know  
Is everyday is filled with hope  
'Cause you are everything that I breathe for,  
And I can't help but breathe you in, and breathe again,  
Feeling all this life within, every single beat of my heart  
I'm the one with big mistakes, big regrets,  
And bigger breaks than I'd ever care to confess.  
Ah, but you're the one who looks at me  
And sees what I was meant to be,  
More than just a beautiful mess.  
Where would I be without someone to save me,  
Someone who won't let me fall?

You are everything that I live for,  
Everything that I can't believe is happening  
You're standing right in front of me,  
With arms wide open, all I know  
Is everyday is filled with hope  
'Cause you are everything that I breathe for,  
And I can't help but breathe you in, and breathe again,  
Feeling all this life within, every single beat of my heart  
You're everything good in my life,  
Everything honest and true  
And all of those stars hanging up in the sky  
Could never shine brighter than you  
You are everything that I live for,  
Everything that I can't believe is happening  
You're standing right in front of me,  
With arms wide open, all I know  
Is everyday is filled with hope  
'Cause you are everything that I breathe for,  
And I can't help but breathe you in, and breathe again,  
Feeling all this life within, every single beat of my heart  
You are, oh you are,  
Jesus, you are,  
You are everything

**DISMISSAL WITH  
BLESSING**