Prelude

Gathering Song: Sunshine Gospel Singers & Christ Alive Let Freedom Ring Medley

Welcome

Congregational Hymn God of the Ages

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Christ Alive Brave

Doxology 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Celebration Choir Homeland

Children's Time

Call to Prayer by the Ding-a-Lings *America*

Prayers of the People Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Prayer Response This Is My Song

†Prayer of Illumination Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, remind us again of your grace to heal our

lives from fears and mistrust. Help us to believe in your restorative power and your great compassion for us. Amen.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God!

Sermon

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn Let There Be Peace on Earth

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you at Christ United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction (The Light of Christ Taken into the World)

Benediction Response Battle Hymn of the Republic

Postlude