# **Prayer Response**

Cares Chorus TFWS #2215

**Giving Our Tithes and Offering** (February Special Offering: Quessua Mission in Angola)

Doxology

UMH #94

Closing Song "Heart of Worship"

# Benediction

Elsa Mateus

Leader: As those grounded in the generations before us, we go out to lay a foundation for the generations coming after us.

People: We go knowing that God will lead us each day, every step of the way.

**Benediction Response** 

"Every Praise"

## Postlude

Through God's love engage and empower everyone to be living disciples.

Sue Norris

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# Sunday, February 12, 2023 Black History Month "Beloved Dreams"

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> **Prelude** Sue Norris

Welcome Elsa Mateus

## **Threshold Moment**

Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward

Threshold Song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (v. 1) UMH #519

Prayer: God is waiting for us with a tender heart and a searching question. God is ready for us with truth and wisdom from a deep well. God is blessing us with springs of living water. God is leading us to sing, pray and witness every day. God is here. Let us open our hearts to receive the goodness of God.

> **Opening Song** "Goodness of God"

Passing of the Peace Linda Forrest The Peace of Christ be with you And also with you

> Time with the Children Laura Suban

**Choral Anthem** "Follow Rain and Rivers"

### **Proclaim God's Word**

As we open to receive the Word and interpret its meaning for our lives, let us take a moment to be still, to take a deep breath and to open our spirits to receive.

> Scripture Reading Dottie DiPoli Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Word of God that is still speaking Thanks be to God

# Hymn of Preparation

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

#### Sermon

"The Heart of the Matter" Rev. Laurie

Hymn

"We Shall Overcome" UMH #533

#### RESPONSE

Prayers of the People Linda Forest The Lord's Prayer