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PRELUDE

GREETING Rev. David Petty

THRESHOLD SONG *"I Believe"* Sanctuary Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Lu Petersen

Leader: Unexpected Love, enter our lives and open us to the gifts residing deep within the Holy Darkness of our lives.

People: Open us to seek your voice from deep within, for we yearn to feel you moving in us.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **UMH #420**

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

MYSTERY BOX

HYMN *Lead Me Lord* **UMH #473**

WORDS: Psalm 5:8; 4:8

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PASTORAL, SILENT, AND LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Donnie Sturgill

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 to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 Lu Petersen

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who

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reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditations of all of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE *The Gift of Temptation* Rev. David Petty

OFFERTORY *"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"* Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF THANKS & DEDICATION Rev. David Petty

***DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #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!

***HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* v. 1, 2, 4, 5 UMH #584**

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978 (Lk. 9:2; Mt. 28:19-20; Lk. 23:34) © 1978 Hope Publishing Co.

- 1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***
- 2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us, closer in community. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***
- 4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***
- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

*BENEDICTION Rev. David Petty

POSTLUDE