**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\* Opening Hymn** “**Awesome God**” FWS #2040

**\* Call to Worship**

Take off your shoes!
**We are standing on holy ground.**
Shake off the dust!
**We are ready to start afresh.**
Let us worship God and receive Christ’s teachings,

**That we may be renewed and strengthened to share God’s love with the world.**

**Hymn** “**'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**” UMH#462

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scripture** **Mark 6:1-13**

**Sermon** Not the Way I Was Expecting  **Pastor Dan Wilcox**

**Hymn**  “**Open My Eyes, That I May See**” UMH#454

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*Sharing briefly the ways that we can be praying for us and others.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

*It is an ancient practice to make offerings to God as part of our worship. Today, this offering may be a prayer, a financial gift, or a renewed or new commitment to ministry Feel free to use the Connect Card in the bulletin to share that prayer or commitment and place it in the offering plate.*

**\* Doxology** UMH #94

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**God who calls, your love guides our lives in many different ways, along the varied paths we travel and the individual choices we make. As we bring this offering, we ask that your Spirit fill us, that your love may be revealed as we use these gifts to care for those in need, wherever we may find them.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Puzzling God, as Jesus was questioned and rejected by his own hometown, friends, and relatives, we wonder how he continued in ministry with such a lack of support. We crave praise and affirmation. We are afraid to begin a task if we don’t have support. Rather than face degradation, we back down. Forgive our lack of faith and vision. Empower us to serve you, even when we do not feel support. Help us trust your power and presence. Heal us. Guide our journeys all our days. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Do not be afraid of the derision of others. Place your trust in God’s call and guidance. Know that the Lord is with you always, even to the ends of the earth. AMEN.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” UMH #664

**Benediction**

Shake off the dust!
**We go forth with the power of God.**
Proclaim the word of the Lord.
**We go out as Christ’s disciples.**

**Postlude**