

* indicates all who are able, please stand.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please fill out and pass the friendship pads down & back at this time)

* PASSING OF PEACE

* **OPENING HYMN** (see insert) *O God beyond All Praising*
(Children may leave for church school at this time)

UNISON PRAYER

We come before you, God of Life, filled with yearnings.
We come with hearts yearning to be warmed, with lives
yearning for deeper meaning, and with a bold hope
for a better day for people who suffer. We are often confused
about what is of most value in our lives. Guide us, O God,
to order our lives accordingly. Come to us in your wisdom,
in your love, in your fire, wind and water. Come to us, be
with us, make us and mold us into a people who live beyond
simple maintenance so we may move within a ministry
of love. Amen.

* **HYMN #448** *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
(Page 194 of the Second Testament in the pew Bible)

CHANCEL CHOIR *Zion's Wall* Aaron Copland

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 15-22
(Page 23 of the Second Testament in the pew Bible)

* **GLORIA (sung in two parts)**
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON *The Empire Builder* Peter Shober

SILENT PRAYER + PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER (using 'debts')

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts* Dale Wood
UCC Brass

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above the heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* **CLOSING HYMN #582** *O God of Earth and Altar*

* BENEDICTION AND SUNG RESPONSE

* **POSTLUDE** *Marche* Campra
UCC Brass

Ushers: Colin Hardy, Carol Johnson,
Kathy Noble and Joyce Watson
Worship Assistant: Rafael Chacon
Teller: Joyce Watson
Nursery Assistant: Janet Chilcote
Care Core: Anita Kurtz-Magee