Prelude

“Compassion Camp Themes”
Amanda Meisenheimer

Greeting

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Call to Worship

One: Here in God’s family, there are no foreigners,
All: for all are welcome in God’s house.
One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
All: for love is the language of faith.
One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
All: for God dwells in each of us.
One: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

* Hymn of Praise 19

“God of Great and God of Small”

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow,
the orphan. In their midst we find you, your prophets, and your miracles. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Join us at your table, as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people.

A time of quiet, personal confession.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer, and forgive us.

Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* SUNG RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share words and signs of greeting and reconciliation.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY  “Compassion Prayer”  Amanda Meisenheimer
Lucy Mulkeen, soprano

* SUNG RESPONSE  OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 761  “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

SCRIPTURE READING  Ruth 1:1-18  Pew Bible, pg. 241 OT

One:  The Word of the Lord.
All:  Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON  “Befriend” (Ruth)  Emily Goins Smith
God’s Resilient People: Summer Sermon Series

* HYMN OF SERVICE 306  “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE  “Compassion Camp Themes”  Amanda Meisenheimer

* All who are able are asked to stand.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God,
in honor of Fielding Celeste Dombrow for her 4th birthday on July 14th by Medie Crockett.
Welcome
In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Northwest, with the hope that this service of worship will be for you an experience of real communion with God and God’s children. If you have not found a church home in Atlanta, we hope you will consider joining with us in worship, study, fellowship, and service. There is a place for you here in which you can both give and receive. Come join us!

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