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Prelude

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Call to Worship (written by Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org)

We come to this place—
each of us on our own path.
The path is winding,
and the path is not always clear,
and the path changes,
but we are here.
God is walking us home.
What a gift it is
to not walk alone.
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn

Go Tell It On the Mountain

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Call to Confession

Unison Confession

God of changed plans, the Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way. We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter. Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy. Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home. Forgive us for failing to hear Your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there. So hear and believe this good news:
No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Affirmation of Faith: *Apostles' Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Another Way

Pastor Erin

Communion**Invitation****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Blessing**Sharing of the Bread and Cup****Offering Invitation*****Doxology**

We lift our voices,

we lift our hands,

we lift our lives up to You;

We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices;

Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives, they are Yours;

We are an offering.

All that we have,

All that we are,

All that we hope to be,

we give to You, we give to You.

**We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering, we are an offering.**

Dedication

Hymn

I Will Come to You, You Are Mine

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Blessing

Postlude