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INVOCATION

Generous God, we gather before you in this church that you have entrusted to us. Thank you for The United Methodist Church that spreads joy and hope around the world. We are grateful for each person who is part of this community. As we multiply our voices to praise you, pour out your Spirit on us. Move us to recognize the abundance among us. Challenge us to use our gifts wisely. Encourage us to share boldly and to trust that what we have is enough to build up your Beloved Community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today, each one of us bringing valuable talents.

People: We are reassured of God's generosity toward us.

One: We gather today, multiplying our gifts in community.

People: We listen for direction, hoping to be recognized as good and faithful servants.

One: We gather today, more than just the sum of our parts.

People: We are ready to share what we have and grow God's kingdom.

All: Come let us celebrate!

OFFERING DEDICATION

Benevolent God, bless these coins and talents that we bring to you. Give us wisdom to invest them wisely so that they reflect your loving presence in the world. As each gift joins with others, guide us to build up ministries that meet the needs of your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Go from here with the divine gifts you have received. As you share what you have, following in Jesus' footsteps, allow the Spirit to guide you in investing in kingdom building. Join your gifts with others', trusting that in God's economy they will be more than the sum of their parts. Good and faithful servants, go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.



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