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WORSHIP SERVICE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GROUNDING SONG:

"Love Canon", Traditional (insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: IN A WORLD CONSTANTLY CHANGING, WHAT SHALL REMAIN?

PEOPLE: FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.

LEADER: PROPHECIES MAY CEASE.

PEOPLE: LOVE REMAINS.

LEADER: KNOWLEDGE MAY EVOLVE.

PEOPLE: LOVE REMAINS.

LEADER: STRUCTURES MAY CRUMBLE AND CERTAINTY MAY FADE.

PEOPLE: BUT LOVE NEVER FAILS.

LEADER: WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE.

PEOPLE: RECONSTRUCTING FAITH THROUGH THE POWER OF RADICAL LOVE.

LEADER: CHRIST HAS RISEN, AND LOVE STILL BREATHES AMONG US.

PEOPLE: WE COME TO BUILD AGAIN ON THE FOUNDATION OF LOVE.

ALL: COME, HOLY SPIRIT, TEACH US HOW TO LOVE. AMEN.

SHARED SINGING: "The Gift of Love", words by Hal Hopson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(A CORPORATE TIME OF COMMUNAL PRAYER, FEEL FREE TO NAME PRAYERS OR UPLIFT PRAISE)

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response: "Faith, Hope and Love Abide", by Lyle Stutzman

ANTHEM

"The Storm is Passing Over", arr. by Charles Albert Tindley,
with harmonies by Ysaye Barnwell and Pam Gerke

The Admiral Choir

SCRIPTURE: I CORINTHIANS 13, NIV

LOVE NEVER FAILS. BUT WHERE THERE ARE PROPHECIES, THEY WILL CEASE; WHERE THERE ARE TONGUES, THEY WILL BE STILLED; WHERE THERE IS KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL PASS AWAY.⁹ FOR WE KNOW IN PART AND WE PROPHECY IN PART, ¹⁰ BUT WHEN COMPLETENESS COMES, WHAT IS IN PART DISAPPEARS. ¹¹ WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I TALKED LIKE A CHILD, I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD, I REASONED LIKE A CHILD. WHEN I BECAME AN ADULT, I PUT THE WAYS OF CHILDHOOD BEHIND ME. ¹² FOR NOW WE SEE ONLY A REFLECTION AS IN A MIRROR; THEN WE SHALL SEE FACE TO FACE. NOW I KNOW IN PART; THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY, EVEN AS I AM FULLY KNOWN. ¹³ AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

SERMON:

"HOPE IN LOVE, A POST RESURRECTION MESSAGE"

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CONVERSATION

1. In seasons of reconstruction and resurrection, what foundations in your life or faith need to be rebuilt with love at the center instead of fear, certainty, or control?
2. Paul reminds us that "we know in part." How might humility, curiosity, and radical love help us better honor people whose experiences, beliefs, or journeys are different from our own?

SHARED SINGING: "Jesu, Jesu", NCH 498

INVITATION TO SHARE

POSTLUDE

(A TIME OF INTENTIONAL MUSIC, CENTERING US IN WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED)

BENEDICTION

GO NOW IN FAITH THAT QUESTIONS DEEPLY.
GO NOW IN HOPE THAT REBUILDS COURAGEOUSLY.
GO NOW IN LOVE THAT REFUSES TO DIE.
MAY YOUR WORDS BE SHAPED BY COMPASSION.
MAY YOUR SEARCHING LEAD YOU TOWARD JUSTICE.
MAY YOUR CURIOSITY OPEN DOORS TO DEEPER HUMANITY.
AND WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS AROUND YOU BEGIN TO SHAKE,
REMEMBER THIS:

LOVE REMAINS.

LOVE RESTORES.

LOVE RESURRECTS.

AND IF WE STILL HAVE LOVE, WE HAVE ENOUGH TO BUILD AGAIN. AMEN.