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## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Pastor Jermell Witherspoon*

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### PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

### GATHERING SONG:

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* (insert)

SCRIPTURE: GEN 3: 8-13 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: GOD WALKS THROUGH THE GARDEN SEEKING HUMANITY.

PEOPLE: WE HEAR GOD'S VOICE CALLING US INTO RELATIONSHIP.

LEADER: WHEN FEAR TELLS US TO HIDE,

PEOPLE: GOD CALLS US INTO THE LIGHT.

LEADER: WHEN SHAME TELLS US WE ARE NOT ENOUGH,

PEOPLE: GOD REMINDS US THAT WE ARE BELOVED.

LEADER: WHEN THE WORLD TEACHES DIVISION,

PEOPLE: GOD CREATES COMMUNITY.

LEADER: COME, LET US WORSHIP THE ONE WHO SEEKS US.

PEOPLE: WE COME AS WE ARE, TRUSTING IN GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE.

SHARED SINGING: "In the Midst of New Dimensions", NCH 391

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. (SPEAK THIS AFTER EACH PRAYER GIVEN)

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response: "Breath on Me, Breath on God" (insert)

INVITATION TO SHARE

(A TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS; IF NONE ARE SPOKEN, PLEASE SEE THE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS.)

ANTHEM

*"LOVE & Resurrection Mash-up"*

Recent Choir Faves, arr. by Sam Peters

The Admiral Choir

THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD GOD WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE BREEZE OF THE DAY, AND THEY HID THEMSELVES FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD GOD AMONG THE TREES OF THE GARDEN. BUT THE LORD GOD CALLED OUT TO THE MAN, "WHERE ARE YOU?" "I HEARD YOUR VOICE IN THE GARDEN," HE REPLIED, "AND I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I WAS NAKED; SO, I HID MYSELF." "WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED?" ASKED THE LORD GOD. "HAVE YOU EATEN FROM THE TREE OF WHICH I COMMANDED YOU NOT TO EAT?" AND THE MAN ANSWERED, "THE WOMAN WHOM YOU GAVE ME, SHE GAVE ME FRUIT FROM THE TREE, AND I ATE IT." THEN THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE WOMAN, "WHAT IS THIS YOU HAVE DONE?"

SERMON:

*"FREEDOM FOR A NAKED WORLD"*

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CONVERSATION

1. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE VOICES WHETHER FROM FAMILY, SOCIETY, CHURCH, CULTURE, OR EVEN OUR OWN INNER CRITIC, THAT HAVE TOLD US WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF WHO WE ARE? HOW DOES GOD'S QUESTION, "WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED?" CHALLENGE THOSE VOICES?
2. IF FREEDOM BEGINS WHEN WE STEP OUT FROM HIDING AND EMBRACE OUR BELOVEDNESS, WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE FOR ADMIRAL UCC TO BE A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN SHOW UP AUTHENTICALLY, WITHOUT FEAR, AND KNOW THEY ARE FULLY WELCOMED AND LOVED?

SHARED SINGING: "For the Music We Hold Dear", (insert)

BLESSING

GO NOW INTO THE WORLD KNOWING THAT YOU ARE BELOVED. GO KNOWING THAT SHAME DOES NOT DEFINE YOU. GO KNOWING THAT FEAR DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD. GO KNOWING THAT GOD CONTINUES TO SEEK, WELCOME, AND LOVE EVERY ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN. MAY YOU WALK IN FREEDOM. MAY YOU LIVE IN COURAGE. MAY YOU EMBODY GRACE. AND MAY THE LOVE OF GOD, THE PEACE OF CHRIST, AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GO WITH YOU AND REMAIN WITH YOU ALWAYS. AMEN.

POSTLUDE