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Welcome and Announcements:

Dave Tom

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

"I Am Thine O Lord"

William H. Doane, arr. by Joel Raney

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Call to Worship: *

Nancy Tom

Leader: We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, "Come, follow me!" But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

People: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

People: We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to live into God's economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

People: We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God's abundance, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God's abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

People: With God's help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen

Opening Hymn: * "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

UMH# 430

Opening Prayer *

Nancy Tom

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your

saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer
Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Rev. Ryan Hetzer

The Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Nancy Tom

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--along with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Reflection: *

"The Summons"

TFWS# 2130

Message: "The Weight of the World" Rev. Ryan Hetzer

We Share Our Gifts
NOISY CHANGE Rev. Ryan Hetzer

Music During Offering: David Tom
"Breath on Me, Breath of God"
~PD~

Doxology: * UMH #95
"Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"

Closing Hymn: * "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" TFWS# 2129

Benediction:

Music for Going Forth: Michael Snyder
"Do Lord, Remember Me"
Traditional Spiritual, Jason W. Krug, Tune: DITMUS
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