### **PRELUDE**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray: Most Holy God, your Son came to save sinners; we come to this season of repentance. Confessing our unworthiness, asking for new and honest hearts, and the healing power of your forgiveness.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

L: 3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

MESSAGE: "WHAT TIME IS IT?"

# GOSPEL LESSON......John 1:29-31

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

## LETTER LESSON... 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

#### **POSTLUDE**

This is my last sermon at Faith UMC and as Patrice and I follow God on to the next phase of our lives and to a new home and a new community.

I want you to know that we have counted it an honor to serve you these last 9 years as your pastor and a friend to many of you.

We have seen your love for Jesus and your love for others evident in the way you take care each other in your time of need. This was never more evident than in the last three months as the world, our country, our state and our community have had to deal with this worldwide plague.

We have had our worlds disrupted, rattled and turned upside down, but you have continued to love each other and serve each other and generously give to the support of Faith UMC.

We have many wonderful memories of our time hearing the laughter of youth in our home on Sunday nights, Trunk or Treat, serving the community through Food @ Faith. The kids of our Sunday School that are full of joy and laughter, Church Picnics and those amazing Pot Luck Dinners.

We have celebrated births and baptisms. Weddings and graduations and we have shared in the loss of loved ones who can never be replaced. You have loved Patrice and Eliot and me and made a place for us in your hearts. You have prayed with us and encouraged us and even tolerated our dogs.

We will miss you but we are leaving you in the hands of Jesus, your leadership team and your new pastor. Keep loving Jesus and love Carolyn and Kirk like you have loved me and my family and you will continue to have a fruitful and joyous future.

In His Love,

Pastor Victor, Patrice and Eliot

Out of love and respect for the concerns of Others.

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We are here to
worship
And Love each other
welcome
Home!



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9:30 AM
We are In The
Building
Again!