We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♫ means All Sing!  
* We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.

♫ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Water Music, Suite No. 2” George Fredrick Handel

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WELCOME
Pastor Garth Butz

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* OPENING PRAYER
Pastor Garth Butz

It’s a new day! Shout for joy to the Lord! Give thanks to God, for it is He who made us and He alone who redeems us. Thank you, Lord, that you have called us to share the good news with the rest of the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

* GATHERING SONG – “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”
Kathy & Cooper Shaffer and Congregation

GATHERING SONG

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Cooper Shaffer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus did not come to condemn us but to save us. He paved the way so that we can have eternal life through His action on the cross. His gift of salvation and forgiveness is FREE and ours for the taking.
Father God, you created us to be a blessing to each other. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we miss opportunities to serve those in need and indirectly fail to serve You. Open our eyes, renew our hearts that would have us see you and what You would have us do for others. Thank you, Lord God, that we have your word to guide us. Thank you, Father, for the renewal that you provide daily. Thank you for being there with a forgiving heart when we miss the mark. Guide us Lord, that our actions and service to others would honor and glorify you. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ – the one who set the perfect example for all of us.

Time for silence and reflection
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we ARE forgiven. Alleluia, AMEN!

* SHARING OF THE LORD’S PEACE
Cooper Shaffer

SHARING OF THE LORD’S PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Kathy & Cooper Shaffer and Congregation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.
FIRST READING 
Romans 7:15-25a
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* ♫ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – “How Can I Keep from Singing?” Congregation

* GOSPEL READING 
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”
At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”
“At that time Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel, the Good News of God.
Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – “From the Bottom Up” Pastor Garth Butz

♫ SONG IN RESPONSE – “All Are Welcome” Congregation

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE
Merciful Father, Abba, God take these offerings so freely given as a testimony of our faith and love for You, knowing that You will multiply them just as you did the loaves and fishes, and secure in our hearts they will be used to further Your kingdom here on earth.
We lift these gifts to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ♪ SONG OF THANKS – “Give Thanks” Congregation

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Please conclude your prayer with ‘Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.” Pastor Garth Butz
* LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Come to the Table of Mercy” Congregation

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♫ SENDING SONG – “Go My Children With My Blessing” Congregation

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD - ANNOUNCEMENTS
We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.

* BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

* SENDING
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* POSTLUDE – “Simple Gifts”

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Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God’s world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.