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Christ the Tender Tender
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**All are invited to rise in spirit and/or body*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Doug Collins

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Susan McCook-Lamore

Leader: Bountiful Creator, Lover of all, we greet you.

All: God of love, we belong to you.

L: Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you call to us.

A: Shepherd of love, we belong to you.

L: Holy Spirit, breath of God in us, you sing, you cry out, you call in us.

A: Spirit of love, we belong to you.

L: With joy and gratitude, we come home to you.

A: Receive us, bless us, change us, and give us gifts to serve you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing CH 16

Children's Moment

A Time for Prayer

Community Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Musical Meditation.

Will You Pray, Christians Pray

Insert

The Inclusive Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Susan McCook-Lamore

Luke 15:1-10

Common English Bible (CEB)

Will You Pray, Christian Pray

As we join our hearts in worship,
We will Seek to know the Father,
And to live by the Spirit,
In the serving Love of Jesus.
Will you pray Christian pray?

Chorus

And we'll and join in labor,
Showing love to the world
As we break the bread with the neighbor,
Will you pray Christian pray?

Oh we bring our care and sadness,
We will pray for hearts of glassness,
Seeking love, peace, and pardon,
As we shed the bonds that tether
Will you pray Christian pray?

Chorus

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. 2 The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' 7 In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

8 "Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? 9 When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Hymn of Response

CH 595

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Giving

Offering plates are located near the back of the sanctuary as you exit at the conclusion of the service. For online giving, please visit www.fctacoma.org/give.

Communion Hymn

CH 430

Lo I Am With You

Sharing God's Feast

Communion Meditation and Prayer

Words of Institution

*All (and by All, we mean **everybody**) are welcome to partake of the bread and cup. A deacon will pass the elements down each row. Disposable element packs will also be available in the cup tray.*

*Closing Hymn

CH 589

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

All who wish to join the faith community of FCC Tacoma are invited to proceed to the front as we sing our closing hymn. Those unable to do so are invited to wave a signal to Pastor Doug and he will make his way to your pew.

Benediction

Postlude

CH 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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