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Sermon Series:
Prayerful Practices

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WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Come into His Presence"

▲OPENER

"Hallelu, Hallelu"

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

▲CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, gather, and listen to the Good News of God's love!

Come, share, and tell the story of Jesus!

Come, worship, lift up your voices to praise our Creator!

Come, sing, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Come, pray, breathe in the Spirit of Life!

Come, worship our God, who breathes us into life!

~Liturgy adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.

▲OPENING SONG

"Cornerstone"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...and now praying together...

God of mysteries and miracles, You give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand. Yet we seek what lacks value, we desire what is good instead of the best, we reject your gracious gift. Forgive us and help us to embrace all you have to offer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

▲RESPONSE SONG #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-31

Common English Bible

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

Common English Bible

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prayerful Practices: "Believing Is Seeing"

Rev. Paul Knopf

TO RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE SONG

"Live Like That"

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲DOXOLOGY #609

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO BE SENT WITH BLESSING

▲CLOSING HYMN #314

"Christ Be Our Light"

▲BENEDICTION

▲CLOSER

"Nobody"

▲POSTLUDE

~~~~~*End of Worship...Beginning of Service*~~~~~

## **Scripture Readings**

### **ACTS 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. <sup>23</sup> As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.' What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples made with human hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. <sup>28</sup> In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore, as God's offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. <sup>30</sup> God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. <sup>31</sup> This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

### **JOHN 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

<sup>18</sup> "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."