May God be with you: **and also with you**.
10:45 Announcements
Praise Band (MF)

Passing of the Peace
Share in the ancient Christian practice of sharing peace & reconciliation. Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

* Call to Worship:
Things are not always as they seem.
Yet God is among us, closer than we know.
The powers of the world rule by strength and fear.
But the power of God is love, freely given.
Our King is not crowned with gold, but with thorns.
Christ reigns from the cross, in mercy and forgiveness.
We come broken, vulnerable, and in need.
And in our weakness we find that we belong to one another.
Let us set down our pride and our defenses.
Let us open our hearts to the One who loves us without condition.
Come, let us worship Christ our King!
Blessed be the reign of God, now and forever.

* Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns (VU 211)

Opening Prayer (unison):
Holy and gracious God,
you meet us not in thrones or towers,
but in a manger and on a cross.
We come with our strength and our fear,
our pride and our brokenness.
Smash the mirrors we hold before ourselves,
that we may see you, and see one another.
Teach us the power of your love,
and the belonging that makes us whole.
In the name of Christ our King we pray.
Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

* Hymn: (WL) The Church is Wherever (VU 579)
(MF) This Child of Ours (VU 455)

Wonder Time: Celebration of Holy Baptism

Prayer for Illumination: VU 377)
Holy Spirit shine now, on the book we read.
Light its holy pages, with the truth we need.

Reading: Luke 23:33-43
May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder
as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: Things are Not as they Seem

* Hymn: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb & Shepherd (VU 210)

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission
Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church
Offertory

* Offering Response: (MV 79)
Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

* Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King (VU 213)

* Sending Forth

* Sung Benediction (MV 209)
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world!
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world!

Celebration of Baptism

The Font is Filled
Opening Words
Presentation of Child
Profession of Faith
Prayer
Baptism in the Name of the Triune God
Signing with the Cross
Laying on of Hands
Presentation of Certificate
Presentation of Candle
Presentation of Child

*Welcome:

We welcome you as members of God's family.
We welcome you with love
that you may learn to love.
We welcome you with joy that you may know Christ's joy in you.
We welcome you by your name that you may know who you are.
We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.
You are part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.

Blessing

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Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge
Woodland 9:15 am Mount Forest 11:00 am
Rev. Lori Campbell