Life-Giving God,

May I speak a word of hope into someone's spirit today; extolling the promise and potential offered in each new rising sun.

May I speak a word of joy into someone's spirit today; illuminating their worth, beauty, and blessing just as they are.

May I speak a word of victory into someone's spirit today; reminding them that they carry within themselves a power greater than evil.

May I speak a word of love into someone's spirit today; freely offering the agape of God without condition.

May I speak a word of peace into someone's spirit today; offering the quiet strength of restraint over retort.

As I prepare to offer these gifts of the Spirit, may I recall that I cannot offer what I do not have.

Therefore, may Hope, Joy, Victory, Love, and Peace reside within me as well. Amen.
Welcome

Call to Worship:
One: This season is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world.
All: May peace flow. Let justice roll.
One: In a world that seems obsessed with who is “right and wrong,” “good or bad,” “in or out” or on “this side or that side,” it is a radical endeavor to name each person as “Child of God.”
All: May peace flow. Let justice roll.
One: Through our baptismal waters, we are called to be agents of God’s justice demanding that barriers to the worth and dignity of all people be brought down so that all might know God’s love.
All: May peace flow. Let justice roll.
One: There’s a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near, “Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!” Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream, let justice roll down, justice roll down!
All: Let us worship our God!

Opening Hymn
“Jesus Loves Me”
Chalice #113, All Verses

Invocation

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.

Gloria Patri
Chalice #36

Passing of the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.
(Greet one another in the spirit of Christ)

Prayer Hymn
“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”
The Faith We Sing #2034, All Verses

Prayer of the Congregation

Anthem:
“Then Sings My Soul”
Jan Nance, solo
Scripture: Romans 8: 31-39
(Common English Bible)
This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title: “Child of God: Naming Each One”

Prayer of Confession:
God Who Breaks Open, we confess that we have closed in, boarded up, and cut ourselves off from others. We have made churches into boxes that only allow certain people in, all while stating that we welcome everyone. We’ve placed requirements on people who need help, that they prove it to us first, that they show us their need, their vulnerability, while we hold the power. Forgive us, O God, for we might not recognize Jesus if he came to us. Forgive us, O God, for not being open to the power of the Spirit that blows through windows and doors. Forgive us, O God, for hardening our hearts. Open unto us Your love and forgiveness. Break open our hardened hearts to receive one another graciously. Break us open, O God, to Your ways, made known to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Hymn “O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face”
Chalice #681, All Verses

Words of Institution

Prayer

Communion Taking the bread and the cup

Prayer for the Offertory

Offertory

Doxology Chalice #46

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Chalice #517, Verses 1,2,4

Benediction

Happy Mother’s Day
Participating in the service today:

Ministers:  All of us
Preacher:  Rev. Dr. Heather McColl
Music Director & Accompanist:  Teena Chinn
Technology:  Ray Clark, Dick Murphy, & James Batts
Worship Leader:  Kathy Garcia
Lead Elder:  Sandy Gruzesky

Midway Christian Church’s Vision Statement

The vision of Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship.

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