

GATHERING

WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day

#657

OPENING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#593

DEDICATION OF BLANKETS

A mother covered her children with a blanket to shield them from the cold.

May my gift of a blanket shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm, even here in the United States.

Volunteer distribute blankets to the homeless living on the streets.

May my gift of a blanket or a quilt provide shelter to people without homes around the world.

After the flood, God sent a rainbow of hope and promises.

May my gift of a blanket give hope and promise to victims of floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. May our prayer shawls wrap so many with your love and comfort.

The Good Samaritan took the beaten man to a safe place, so he could receive care.

May my gift of a blanket provide warmth to our brothers and sisters who are seeking a safe place to stay.

Anya arrived in Warsaw, a refugee with nothing.

May my gift of a blanket provide shelter for displaced people around the world.

After Jesus had risen, he returned to his followers, instructing them to care for his sheep.

May my gift of a blanket give warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.

In Jesus' name, we offer these gifts. Amen.

SONG OF DEDICATION

God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. God, you wrap your love around us, like a blanket, soft and warm.

You give rest when we are weary, you protect us from the storm.

May each person who finds shelter in these blankets that we share

2. May the women, men and children fleeing danger every day

Know, through us, your living presence; you walk with them on their way.

Spirit, as you give them comfort, teach us here to freely give;

May we blanket this world over with your love, so all may live.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS DAY

Luke 10:25-37

REFLECTION

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

Sing	Silence	Spoken Words
<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>		

#2193

LORD'S PRAYER**SENDING FORTH****CLOSING HYMN***Here I Am, Lord* – chorus only

#593

WE GO INTO THE WORLD**BENEDICTION AND BLESSING****THE LIGHT LEADS US FORTH***Shalom to You*

#666

POSTLUDE**††We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve††****COMING UP****Wednesday, March 23** After school activities for K-gr 8 until 5pm.**Thursday, March 24, noon** Brown bag Lenten Lunch @ Grace E Free Church.

Worship will begin about 12:20, with everything concluded by 1pm. All in the community are invited and encouraged to gather together for this time each Thursday during Lent. No reservations needed. Free will offerings each week.

You may continue to purchase Church World Service Blankets throughout the season. We can also receive any financial offerings you would like to give for Relief work in the Winterset, IA, or to be sent to Ukraine/Poland. Just indicate where you would like your gifts to go, and they will be sent on for you. These needs are definitely long-term; restoration and relief will be ongoing for many, many, many months, through UMCOR, CWS and other agencies.

Part of the joy of being a connectional church - we can meet our needs, which is important, and also help others we will never see. Thank you for your gifts, as well as your on-going budget commitment.