ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROESSIONAL HYMN   *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

CALL TO WORSHIP   Worship Leader
Come and let us worship and bow down before the LORD of lords, the King of kings. May our hearts be opened, this day, to the work of the Holy Spirit in this time of corporate worship. May our mouths sing and speak of God's glory and splendor. And, may the people of God seek Him with all their hearts.   Amen.

INVOCATION   A Missionary

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands." Creator and Sustainer of the universe, we come before you as living sacrifices – use us in your service Lord. We reflect on your glory and how we might share your amazing love with everyone around us. Help us to share this love in our homes, at work, in our community, and in our church. Help us to be pleasing in your sight and for our lights to shine so that all will see you. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE   "Lift Him Up"

RESPONSIVE READING   A Missionary

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

LEADER: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

MEMBERS: Lord, we come to you today – offering up our hearts, our lives, our talents, and our gifts in your service.

LEADER: This service that we perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

MEMBERS: We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you, Lord – to help others and be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

LEADER: I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him or her. The greatest among you will be your servant.

UNISON: We serve not by trying to use our power but by allowing the Creator's power to work within us for our good – and for the good of others. And we move forward – not on our own authority but in the name of our King, Jesus – the greatest servant of all.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/GLORIA PATRI

THE MUSIC MINISTRY   "We Are One In The Spirit"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON   1 Peter 4:7-11   A Missionary

PASTORAL PRAYER/RESPONSE

THE MISSION APPEAL   A Missionary

THE MISSION OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETINGS

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER/SPEAKER   A Missionary

HYMN/SONG OF PREPARATION
THE MISSION MESSAGE
     Text: _____
     SUBJECT: _____

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

RECESSIONAL

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION
God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.

2015 MISSION APPEAL

Today we have the opportunity to share love. We can give to help our brothers and sisters who are in need. Peter Scholters wrote "We are One in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord…They'll know we are Christians by our love."

In observance of Zion's "One Great Hour of Sharing," throughout our connection, we are challenged to show the depth of our love. The love of God for us can best be shown as we reach out to others. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God" (1 John 4:7a). The needs are many and with true love which God has bestowed upon us, giving should not be a problem.

When early followers of Jesus suffered a famine in Jerusalem, the Apostle Paul organized an appeal to respond to their needs. Christian communities in distant places contributed to this ecumenical offering, just as we do all these centuries later through "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering reaches our brothers and sisters in so many places. It impacts the lives of those we may never meet. Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. Give back to God a portion of what God has given us and let's make a difference.

What if we all lived as if this is our call? We would change the world. Will you give to "One Great Hour of Sharing?"

Please send your sharing/offering to:

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WILL YOU GIVE TO One Great Hour?

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