ORDER OF WORSHIP WINTER 2022 STATED MEETING

<u>Call to Worship</u>

Barbara Darby

One: O Sing to the Lord a new song. Many: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

One: For behold, I am doing a new thing, says our God.

Many: And this we long to see and embrace.

One: Do not be afraid.

Many: We come before the Almighty with expectancy and hope!

Come, let us worship God.

Please join in singing our opening hymn Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty.

* Opening Hymn – Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Glory to God #35 (Lyrics on p. 3)

Call to Confession

Jesus told us that the truth will set us free. Friends, now is the time for us to be truthful. Let us approach the throne of grace in humility and in truth. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we celebrate the new life which you have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. We are ever grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope, and cynicism has replaced commitment. There are times when we fail to trust you.

Forgive us those times, we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. We humbly ask you to hear now our silent prayers of confession...

(Silence)

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Promise of Grace

The scriptures remind us that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Hunter Camp

<u>Scripture Reading</u> – Isaiah 43:16-21 <u>Morning Message</u> – *Imagine Newness*

Special Music – Hear My Prayer O Lord

Roman Testroet

<u>Offering</u> – This morning's offering will go to Mutual Mission

Diane Watkins

Necrology Report

Charles Freeman / Susan Rose

----- After a short break, the meeting will continue. -----

----- Worship continues at the end of the business meeting. -----

Affirmation of Faith Susan Takis

In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past.

In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule over our lives today.

In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide all history toward in its end in Christ.

In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus: compassion, justice, generosity and love.

In faith, we long to be part of that purpose. Amen.

The Lord's Supper Susan Takis

Please join in singing our closing hymn We Shall Go Out With Joy.

* Closing Hymn – We Shall Go Out With Joy

Glory to God #611 (Lyrics on p. 3)

Charge and Benediction

Jerie Lukefahr

Worship Participants

Liturgist – Barbara Darby (Woodlawn)

Music – Roman Testroet (Music Director, Geneva Presbyterian Church)

Scripture / Sermon – Rev. Hunter Camp (Memorial)

Offering – Diane Watkins (First Fernandina Beach and Co-Chair, Mutual Mission Team)

Necrology Report – Rev. Charles Freeman (Grace) and Rev. Susan Rose (Memorial and

Diakonas Solutions)

Communion – Rev. Susan Takis (First Green Cove Springs)

Hymn Lyrics

Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

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Special Music

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

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Closing Hymn

We Shall Go Out With Joy

We shall go out with joy
And be let forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands (x3), While you go out with joy.

Repeat

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