

## Sunday May 15, 2022

### Prelude and Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Christ said, "This is my commandment: Love one another."

**People: We come to worship the God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

Leader: The Christ said, "No longer do I call you servants, but now I call you my friends."

**People: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.**

Leader: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

**\*Hymn #43: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Source of Life, we do not always accept the new growth within us. We confess that often we**

- **Do not see the beauty that is in this world for us to enjoy.**
- **Do not recognize the love that is offered to us each day.**
- **Are too busy with our own tasks to see if they fit into God's plan.**
- **Do not want the newfound joy, for then we may no longer pity ourselves.**
- **Are afraid to risk, to turn the corner, to empty the cup, to dance.**

**Forgive us, O God, and help us to accept your gift of resurrection.**

### Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Grace

Through the gift of Jesus Christ and in the name of the One who died and rose again, all is forgiven, and we can recommit ourselves to being God's messengers in this world.

### Passing of the Peace

*(For those in the sanctuary please remain in your seats as you turn to one another and by word and gesture that is comfortable to you, greet one another. For those in remote locations be aware that you too are included in the peace that Christ gives us all.)*

### Response Hymn #236

**Reading from the Gospel:** John 13:31-35

Carol Griffith

**Anthem**

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Reading from the Epistles:** Revelation 21:1-6

**Sermon:** "Imagine What Can Be"

**\*Hymn #613:** "O Holy City, Seen of John"

**The Community at Prayer**

*(Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer)*

**Prayer Response**

**Offertory**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." May our morning offering be an act of gratitude given from a merciful heart.

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary, through mailing your gift to the church office or through signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #607:** "We Would Be Building"

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**