

Sunday May 22, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

People: **Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One. Amen!**

*Hymn #21: "God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

Unison Prayer

Keeper of heaven and earth,
guardian of our coming and going forth,
of our times of tender reflection
and our moments of turmoil,
our life is fragile, and we sometimes fray the fabric of life.
Sharpen our sensitivities.
Teach us to prefer listening to speaking,
tenderness rather than aggression,
community in a world of alienation.
Deepen for us the meaning of the resurrection,
that we not only speak words of transformation
but embody those words in our life.
Healer, Renewer, Sustainer, Source of Hope and Joy,
we offer thanks and praise. Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

(For those in the sanctuary please stand and 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 Psalms: Psalm 67

Jan Derry

Anthem

Time for Young Disciples

Jan Derry

Reading from the book of Acts: Acts 16:9-15

Sermon: "The Diversity Reality"

***Hymn #7:** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

The Community at Prayer

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

Prayer Response

Offertory

Since our cups run over with gifts of grace, let us respond with our love and ourselves and our gifts.

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by 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

O God, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of ministry to your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our work of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.

***Hymn #309:** "We Are Your People"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**