

Sunday May 29, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been invited to know God
People: Let us enter the knowledge of God
Leader: We have been invited to bear God's justice
People: Let us enter the justice of God
Leader: We have been invited to enter God's truth
People: Let us enter the truth of God
Leader: We have been invited to enter God's unity
People: Let us enter the unity of God

*Hymn #592: "God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"

Prayer of Confession

Creating God, in selfishness and insecurity, we have traded your healing for our hatred, your calling for our comfort, your truth for our traditions, your covenant for our conventions, your faithfulness for our fragmentation, your care for our convenience, your solidarity for our self-righteousness, your promise for our praise. Forgive us, we pray. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know you, and by knowing you, we may once again be made whole. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's love never fails us. Even in our division and despair, God desires to be made known. We are forgiven. We are welcome. We are one.

*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 Gospel: John 17:20-26

Carol Bellamy

Anthem

Time for Young Disciples

Reading from the book of Acts: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: "Fearless in a World of Powerful Interests"

***Hymn #394:** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

The Community at Prayer

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

Prayer Response

Offertory

From the creation of the world, God has freely given.
We give, not as solitary givers, but in solidarity with all creation.

(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

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn #393:** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**

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