

## Sunday June 19, 2022

### Prelude and Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

**People: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.**

Leader: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

**People: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.**

Leader: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**People: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.**

\*Hymn #13: "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

#### \*Invocation

**Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.**

#### \*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 #261 (verse 1): "Let Every Christian Pray"**

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,  
come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love  
commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**Reading from the Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39

Terry Henderson

**Special Music**

Rachel Alexander

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Reading from the Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-11

**Sermon:** "Believing in God's Vision"

**\*Hymn #573:** "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

**The Community at Prayer**

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

**Prayer Response**

**Offertory**

*(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. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory.**

**\*Hymn #410:** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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