

## Sunday August 21, 2022

### Prelude and Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: **We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.**

Leader: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in this world.

People: **May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

\*Hymn #522: "I Love to Tell the Story"

#### \*Invocation

**Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace "Peace Like a River", verse 1, using ending 2 page 478

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Carol Griffith

Reading: Matthew 7:7-14

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Special Music

Tom Gill

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: "The Rule That Says It All"

**\*Hymn #537:** “Christians, Rise and Act Your Creed”

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to the Offering**

*(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**

**Fount of Every Blessing, receive these gifts in the joy in which we bring them. May they bless your church universally, our community and our world. May none suffer lack and may we always give from generous hearts. May we always take joy in being blessed to give and to share with you and each other. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #495:** “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**