

Sunday August 7, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.
People: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.
Leader: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.
People: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.
Leader: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.
People: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

*Hymn #530: "God Our Author and Creator"

*Opening Prayer/Invocation

Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.

Words of Grace (Pastor)

Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Grace is such a gift; mercy is another. Transformation and new life descend freely from the Most High to all who would receive it. Receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all.

***Passing of the Peace 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!

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 33:12-22

Karen Jones

Special Music

Kids Choir

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:33-40

Sermon: "Cherish is the Word"

***Hymn #606:** "Nearer, My God, to You"

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

Luke 12:34 informs us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God's abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

(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**

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation:

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

God be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

For 40 days your rain fell on the earth, cleansing and preparing the earth for your reign. For 40 years your chosen people wandered in the desert, seeking you and finding their faith. For **forty** days Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving God's law. For 40 days, Jesus fasted in the wilderness, preparing to embark on his great ministry of healing and compassion.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

Most Holy Spirit, we invite you now into our homes where we are apart, yet together, to share this sacred meal together. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes and minds may be opened to recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ (show it)
Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives. (show it)

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.
Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Let us pray:

***Communion Prayer**

As we eat this meal together and as we drink this juice of life in each other's presence grant unto us an emerging, fulfilling, and redeeming sense of life's calling. In this holy meal of communion, we feel the allure and enticement of fellowship enriching us and making us more able to serve you and your ends in life. With eternal gratitude we give you thanks. Amen.

***Hymn #332: "As We Gather at Your Table"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**