

March 5, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call God's holy name.

People: **As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are above our ways.**

Leader: But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God's people.

People: **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God our Maker.**

***Hymn #466: "Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes"**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 Ron Dobson

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

You have broken into our lives, O God, creating the world anew today. You have breathed new life into our sleeping souls and have put a song in our hearts. So we come today to offer you our thanks and praise. Pour down the blessings of your Spirit upon each one here this morning, that we may perceive your nearness once more. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ! Amen.

Sermon: "Held by God"

***Hymn #485: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"**

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

O God who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Sacrament 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.

In company of all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

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.

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. ...Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Words of Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #473: "Blessed Assurance"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**