

July 16, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather on a day like any other day.

People: We gather on a day unlike any other day.

Leader: Come, touch and feel and taste and smell the sacred in this day

ALL: For this is the day which our Creator God has made; let us rejoice and be oh, so glad, in it!

***Hymn #4:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 David Alexander

Special Music Carol Bellamy & Jim Miers

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

Creator, your presence among us illuminates our lives. Make us fertile soil, receptive to the seeds planted by your word. Nourish us with Living Water and grow us through the energy of your empowered and healing rays of sunshine. Let us encounter you afresh as we gather in community. Amen.

Sermon: "3 in 1 Parable"

***Hymn #423:** "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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**

Holy One, we thank you for revealing yourself to us and through us with abundance and flourishing. Give us generous hearts. May our offerings offer a testimony honoring your provision and giving glory to your name. Receive these gifts and magnify them for the needs of your creation. Amen.

***Hymn #527: "We Offer Christ"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**