

August 6, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us in the midst of our lives:

People: "Pause a while and know that I am God."

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions, our haughtiness, from our occupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope:

People: "Let be and learn that I am God."

Leader: Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

People: God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in time of trouble.

Leader: People of God, hope in our God.

People: Enough for us to calm and quiet our souls like a child quieted at its mother's breast.

Leader: God is with us, now and forevermore!

People: Amen.

***Hymn #556: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 17 Karen Jones

Special Music Tom, Keith, Carol, Liisa, and Mark

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

You call to us as children, compassionate Maker of all, and you urge us to seek peace and pursue it. Embolden us, we pray, that we might recognize your peace, even amid the confusion of our lives, and be delivered from our pain; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sermon: "On the Edge"

***Hymn #438: "When Peace, Like a River"**

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**

**Accept these offerings now placed on your altar,
O God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.
Grant that they may be symbols of our love
and of ourselves now offered more fully to you.
Use these gifts and us, we pray,
to the end that your realm may come
and your will be done on earth,
even as it is done in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day, sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

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 saying:

**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 and Consecration

Sharing the Elements

We will receive Communion in our seats. Ushers will bring the bread first. Take a piece and pass the plate to your neighbor. "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you." The ushers will bring the cups of juice/wine (inner circle is wine). Take a cup, pass the plate to your neighbor. "Drink this all of you for it is the cup of blessing." Empty cups can be placed in the holders on the back of the pew.

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 #576: "For the Healing of the Nations"

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Postlude