

November 12, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

People: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

People: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

People: We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

People: We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Leader: Let us gather in celebration!

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn #565: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Carol Bellamy

Anthem: Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven, by Pepper Choplin

Time With Young Disciples

Sermon: "Serving the Lord"

***Hymn #562: "Take My Gifts"**

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

Leader: Receive these gifts, O God.

People: We offer to you, O God, these gifts in humble thanks for the creating love you give to us.

Leader: Receive these pledges, O God.

People: We offer to you, O God, these pledges in unassuming thanks for the redeeming love you give to us.

Leader: Receive these commitments, O God.

People: We offer to you, O God, these commitments in grateful thanks for the sustaining love you give to us.

Leader: Let us be surprised this year.

People: May our eyes, our minds and our hearts be opened this year. May we be surprised in our lives, in our church and in our ministry together.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn #393: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Liturgy resources: Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication: Rev. Sarah E. Weaver