

January 14, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

This morning during our service we will remember and celebrate the life of Gabriella Chesnes as part of worshipping time together. The family has requested that the sanctuary remain open after our regular service for them, and any of you who would like to join them, to have a time of sharing, a time of devotional prayer, a time of supporting Jane and Michael and Raphael. If it is in your tradition or spirituality, votive candles are available so those who so desire may light a candle and say a prayer during this period after our regular service. This space will be available until Noon.

For those who want to be in community, there are the usual coffee and refreshments downstairs. Please come join us either place.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

People: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Leader: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

People: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Leader: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

People: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

*Hymn #327: "Jesus Loves Me"

*Passing of the Peace

Scripture reading:

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Jan Derry

Anthem

Young Disciples may leave at this time to go to their Sunday School class.

Time of Celebration and Remembrance

Gabriella Chesnes
November 10-17, 2023

Hear the promises of God:
Fear not, for I am with you,
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious hand.

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15 NIV

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ¹⁵ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Scripture: John 13:34 NIV

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Prayer in gratitude for Gabriella

Gentle God,
born an infant in Jesus Christ
in the family of Joseph and Mary,
we give thanks for Gabriella born among us
full of hope and promise.
We remember that Jesus Christ lifted children
into loving arms to embrace them.
We ask you to embrace and bless Gabriella
as part of your heavenly family where,
by your grace, our lives are brought to fullness
in the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
your beloved child, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Prayer for Jane and Michael

God of all mercies,
whose heart aches with our human hurting,
we commend to your love the parents of Gabriella,
Michael and Jane.
Sustain the family
in this loss and in their loneliness.
Kindle anew the ashes of joy.
Grant the peace of knowing
that this child is with you,
the Mother and Father of us all,
both in this life
and in the life that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Prayer of Commendation**

Into your hands,
O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant
Gabriella Chesnes.
Acknowledge,
we humbly pray,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock
and a daughter of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the
arms of your own mercy,
into the blessed rest
of everlasting peace,
and into the company
of the saints in light. **Amen.**

***Hymn #209:** (verses 1 and 6) "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free"

Sermon: "Known in Love"

***Hymn #351:** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

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.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of your realm and all creation in your name. Amen.

***Hymn #77:** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude