

September 29, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Holy One, you have turned your face earthward and opened your heart to your children.

People: And so, O God, do we turn to you now.

Leader: We turn to you for purpose and correction,

People: For joy and peace,

Leader: For a way out of hopeless situations,

People: For justice,

Leader: For forgiveness,

People: For love,

Leader: We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ, the maker of redemption and the bringer of hope.

People: Amen

***Hymn #1:** "Immortal. Invisible, God Only wise"

***Passing the Peace**

Time With Young Disciples OR Background for Scripture

Scripture: Esther 4:1-14; 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Louise Piper

Anthem

***Unison Prayer**

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scriptures. Through it, you nurture our imagination, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak, to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your words. Amen.

Sermon: "Is this your time?"

***Hymn #439:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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.

***Hymn #573: "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**