

**October 18, 2020**

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

## Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a  
community of disciples  
with a heart for God  
and hands to help others.

\* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (based on Psalm 86)

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you and shall glorify your name, for you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(9:00am) *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*I Am Thine, O Lord*

by Conrad Kocher  
by William Doane

(11:15am) *I Can See Clearly Now*  
*This Little Light of Mine*

## Gathering in the Lord's Presence

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To our world filled with brokenness and disease,

**People: God brings healing!**

Leader: To our world filled with loneliness and disappointment,

**People: God brings joy!**

Leader: People of God, shout for joy to the Lord.

**People: Let us worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

**ALL: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great healer, we confess that we are often distracted from our sin. Sickness, economic problems, or busyness draws our attention so that we do not realize the depths of the pain we cause. Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth. For the times we have lost sight of our sin, we are sorry. For making our agenda more important than yours, forgive us, Lord. Be gracious to us, O Lord. Hear our prayer; listen to our cry of supplication. Incline your ear, O Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news from the Psalms: Our Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Jesus Christ has forgiven all our sins.

**People: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole heart. We will glorify your name forever, for great is your steadfast love for us.**

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### *Hearing the Word*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." <sup>12</sup> And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

## RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC:

*Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

Virtual Choir from Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, CT (feat. Caroline Wolfe!)

## MESSAGE: *Healing: Above & Beyond*

### *Responding to the Word*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

*Going Forth to Serve*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

POSTLUDE:

(9:00am) *It is Well with My Soul*

(11:15am) *I Won't Back Down*

by Phillip Bliss

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor