

May 9, 2021

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.

boldface = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Beloved One, we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE: (11:00) *My Girl*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 98, the Message version)

Leader: Sing to God a brand-new song. God's made a world of wonders!

People: God made history with salvation, the Lord showed the world what he could do.

Leader: The whole earth comes to attention. Look—God's work of salvation! Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

People: Round up an orchestra to play for God, Add on a hundred-voice choir.

Leader: Feature trumpets and big trombones, Fill the air with praises!

People: Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with everything living on earth joining in.

Leader: Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!" and mountains harmonize the finale—

ALL: Let us worship our loving God!

SONG: (9:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(11:00) *Indescribable*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the church family with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your kingdom. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. Make clear your commandment in our hearts to love, in all that we do and say. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news, Christ came not to condemn or cast out or curse... Jesus came and chose us to love, to call friends, and to share forgiveness and grace.

People: **This is the good news! We are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG: (9:00) *I Want to Know What Love Is*
(11:00) *One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)*

MESSAGE: *Friends*

Responding to the Word

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: (11:00) *You Are the Sunshine of My Life*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Gordon Burrows, Reader

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Jennifer Parker Wrzeszcz, Parish Associate

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor