

August 15, 2021

* = All who are able please stand.

boldface = congregation participates

Before the 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.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Creator of dreams and wonder, you speak to us in many ways. May we be receptive to your presence and understand your love for us. Help us to understand where you are leading us and remind us you are near. We thank you for playfulness and dreams, for mystery and imagination, for all the ways you have created us. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Illustrated Ministry's Blessing for the Beginning of the School Year)

Leader: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

Leader: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

Leader: After months of learning behind screen or separated by dividers and physical space,

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

Leader: We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community.

ALL: Let us worship together, united in Christ.

SONG: *All Who Are Thirsty*

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

(REPEAT)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep we sing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, author and artist of our story, when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us and allow us to have a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us and offer your compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us and seat us with the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us and fill us with joy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Day and night, God speaks to us. Through words and dreams, God reminds us that we are forgiven.

ALL: Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 1:9-20

⁹I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." ¹²Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. ¹⁴His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and

the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. ¹⁹Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: *Nothing but a Dreamer*

Responding to the Word

SONG: *Called Me Higher

Verse 1

I could just sit I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness
Hope to feel Your presence
And I could just stay I could just stay
Right where I am and hope to feel You
Hope to feel something again

Verse 2

I could hold on I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside
I could be safe oh I could be safe
Here in Your arms and never leave home
Never let these walls down

Chorus 1

But You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me

Interlude

Where You lead me Lord

Bridge

I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy
Oh I will be Yours Lord
And I will be Yours for all my life

So let Your mercy
Light the path before me

Chorus 2

(Oh) 'Cause You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Oh 'cause You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord

Ending

Where You lead me
Where You lead me Lord
Where You lead me
Where You lead me Lord

OFFERING

Deacons Offering

On the third Sunday of every month we receive an additional offering used exclusively for acts of compassion within the church and our local community.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and A BLESSING FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pat Burrows, Reader at 9:00 a.m.

Lisa Miller, Reader at 11:15 a.m.

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Lea Schweitz, Director of Christian Education

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor

Messenger Praise Band