

July 14th, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold. (*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "This is the Day that..." (chorus only) **VU#175**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come one and come all,
to this sacred domain,

**All: where troubles grow quiet,
and love starts to reign.**

One: The world may be rushing,
but here we find grace,

**All: a moment of stillness,
a welcoming space.**

One: May worries be silenced,
let burdens depart,

**All: as prayers fill the air,
and touch every heart.**

One: With voices united,
a chorus we'll sing,

**All: of hope and of mercy,
our praises we bring.**

Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" **VU#574**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, as we gather in worship this day, we come with hearts full from the frantic pace of modern life. Here in this space may Your Spirit come alongside us; quieting our noise, allowing us to pause, and guiding us away from the constant demands that echo through our living. May the stillness of this time allow us to hear your gentle voice

whispering peace, inviting to rest, and reminding us of how precious we are in your sight. In Jesus' gentle name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "And When You Call for Me" x2 **MV#96**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

In love dear God You meet us, and guide us on our way. That love is always with us, in our work and in our play. In worship here this morning, may our spirits find their rest, and as we move throughout our week, may we know our lives as blessed. Amen.

***Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" **MV#30**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Karen H.

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Response:

One: This is God's Word spoken to our hearts,

All: **light for our way, hope for our journey.**

Sermon "Rest for Awhile..."

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" **VU#606**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Bless, O God, these gifts we offer, shared with open palms rather than clenched fists, and given out of gratitude rather than obligation. May they offer life and abundance to any in need and inspire further generosity through the giving and receiving. We are grateful for this opportunity to give and do so in Christ’s name. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Guide Me, Thou Great Jehovah” **VU#651**

Blessing: *(unison)*

As we move from this place we go knowing: that the God who made us also sustains us. The God who calls us also journeys with us, and the God who loves us has loved us from the beginning, and it is a love that has no end. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** “May the Peace of God Be...” **MV#222**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

<i>Ushers:</i> July 14 Sue R. & John	July 21 Val B & John
July 28 Bill & John	
<i>Screens:</i> July 14 Erik	July 21 Tracy July 28 Erik

Calendar: July 15th – 21st			
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen

Announcements:

Hot Weather Item Collection for Ensemble: It’s our last Sunday to collect the following items: empty reusable water bottles, sunscreen, summer hats, Gatorade, juice boxes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your generosity is appreciated!

Summer Vacation: The church will be closed for the month of August. We look forward to seeing you in the office on Sept. 3rd and at our first service after the summer break will be on Sept. 8th at 10:30am.