

SENDING

***Hymn** "I Love to Tell the Story" Hymnal #462

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "You Shall Go Out with Joy" Hymnal #80

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
And you'll go out with joy*

***Postlude**

Serving Today

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Pastor: Rev. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. *

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation "Ain't Nothin' Like a Gospel Song" Rhett Walker
Gift of Dance

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Words for Preparation:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." Lamentations 3:22-24.

Gathering Song "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" Renew #23

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness.*

Choral Introit "All People of God" Don Fontana

Call to Worship Nancy Harber

Leader: Wherever you are, justice,

All: reveal yourself!

Leader: Wherever you are hiding,

All: manifest yourself!

Leader: Wherever you go in this world of ours,

All: show yourself!

Leader: So we can continue believing.
All: So we can continue trusting.
Leader: So we can keep walking,
All: "With living faith and hope."

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal #39

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession (From Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: As we gather with all the burdens of our hearts and souls, we acknowledge that much needs to change within us and within our world. Come, let us rely on God's grace and mercy with a prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of grace and renewal, you rain down grace and love on parched lands. We admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you or our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, gracious God, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water, that we may better love you and faithfully serve you.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon (Proverbs 25, Isaiah 43)

Leader: Like cold water to a weary soul so is good news from a far country.
All: God makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters. God says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

*Response "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Choir Anthem "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" M. Hayes

Sermon on the Steps Dr. Stacy Volkert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV) 1 Samuel 20:35-42

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Love Is Thicker than Blood" Rev. Sam Codington

RESPONDING

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal #306

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

All: God, you are faithful, and we are yours. With all our heart, we give thanks for your grace in our lives. Use what we have, who we are, and where we are for your love in this world. Amen.