

SENDING

***Hymn** "Soon and Very Soon" Hymnal #384

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Blessed Assurance" Hymnal #839, vs 1, Ref.
*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation purchase of God, born of his Spirit washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

***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

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Words for Preparation:

"Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever." Psalm 40:11.

***Gathering Song** "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Renew #202

*Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia to the Lord!
Sing alleluia to the Lord!
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
Sing alleluia to the Lord!*

Choral Introit "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

arr. J. Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Joe Huffaker

Leader: In a world of hard realities,
All: we gather to form gentle landings.
Leader: In a world of hardened hearts,
All: we gather to practice tenderness.

***Hymn** "Womb of Life and Source of Being"

Hymnal #3

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leader: As a family of faith, we trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community. Yet, we often do not practice love and mutuality in community. Come, let us join in a prayer of confession, trusting in the grace and mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession (from Black Liturgies)

All: Tender God, we are grateful for the ways beauty and blemish are enmeshed in the natural world around us - that what is irregular, what is marked, the bent and bowed is often what stirs our souls most deeply. We confess that we have not yet learned what it means to behold ourselves without impulse to hurt ourselves. We are haunted by interior demands of perfection that came to us through a world that celebrates illusions of flawlessness. A world that sets standards of perfection are only purposed to elevate workaholism, materialism, and self-hatred. Help us to reject the mirages of perfection, and to release ourselves from expectations that only serve to destroy us. Hold us in the truth of our dignity; that we would no longer turn against our own bodies and emotions to attain worth. Help us to learn the language of self-compassion and grant our souls rest.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. God embraces us as beloved children.

All: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we seek to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Response "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" Hymnal #582
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING

Choir Anthem

"Sing Praises"

L. Glarum

Sermon on the Steps

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV)

Mark 3:7-19

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

"A Field Hospital"

Rev. Sam Codrington

RESPONDING

Ordination and Installation of Officers

*Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Hymnal #300

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Please sing)

Renew 177

Our Father which 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.

Offertory

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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: Tender God, you gather us here to heal us, to make us whole and holy. As we give from what we have and from who we are, form us as healers, who practice grace and mercy each day. Amen.