

SENDING

*Hymn "In the Bulb, There Is a Flower" Hymnal #250

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Renew #307, Vs 1

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.*

*The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.*

*The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.*

*God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*Postlude

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Coffee Host

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 15, 2023 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Music for Meditation

Welcome

Words for Preparation:

"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you." Psalm 86:5

***Gathering Song**

"Lord, We Do Love You"

Lord, we do love you, we worship and adore you,

Glorify your name in all the earth;

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the earth

Choral Introit

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

arr. D. Bird

Call to Worship

Greg Weir

Leader: We gather here in this place

All: to receive the goodness and forgiveness of God.

Leader: We gather here in this place

All: to give thanks for the steadfast love of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One, who will never turn us away, who embraces us as beloved children.

***Hymn**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Hymnal #69

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leader: As a community 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

All: God of Hope, your Son proclaimed that blessed are the poor, the persecuted, the poor in spirit. Blessed are the hungry and the thirsty and the peacemakers, the least, the last, and the lost. We know these proclamations of blessings remain unfulfilled desires when we fail to take heed to your prophet's call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with you. We confess that we have spent more of our lives stumbling in comfort than walking in the humble path of justice. We confess that we oppress one another, we press one another down, and so it is impossible to walk upright, to walk together, hand-in-hand, in kindness. We have failed to love. We seek out our own pleasure and ignore our neighbors' pain. We treat our weaker members with contempt, and so we tear your Body apart. Conform our hearts to you, give us desire for your Reign of Love, that we may look past our own pleasures and pains toward the good of all Creation. Release us from the bondage of fear, whose fruit is fences and iron bars. Turn our walls into banquet tables. Give us fruits of love, your Spirit, the joy and nourishment of all your creatures. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Spirit of Life calls us out of locked rooms and into new life: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." May God free you from all that suppresses your appetite for God's Reign of Justice and Love. May Christ free you from the shame of the past. You are forgiven. You are made new. You are freed to live into God's desire for Creation. There is nothing that can separate you from God's love. In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: God's love endures forever!

*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

Choral Anthem

"A Lord-Built House"

R. Lentz

Sermon on the Steps

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV)

Jonah 4:1-5

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

"Too Much Generosity"

Rev. Dr. Sam Codington

RESPONDING

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymnal #450

Prayers of the People

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

*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 of Hope, you bring blessings for the least and the last. Form our hearts with your love. Make us channels of your blessings into our neighborhood. Amen.