

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 9, 2023

10:00AM

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### A TIME OF GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" David Maxwell  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, / "Come unto Me and rest; (b. 1944)  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down / thy head upon My breast!"  
I came to Jesus as I was, / so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place, / and He has made me glad.  
- Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!  
Worship our God with gladness!  
Come before God's presence with singing!

**People: *Enter the doors of this space with thanksgiving,  
and fill this sanctuary with praise!***

Leader: Let us all praise God's great and awesome name!

**Unison: For God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures for ever,  
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN 16 (blue) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### \*INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC This Little Light of Mine Spiritual  
Frances Dustin, piano

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:15-25a  
"Struggle and Anguish"

SPECIAL MUSIC Go Tell It on the Mountain American Folk Song  
Mabel Dustin, piano

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
"Come Unto Me, All You That Are Weary"

SERMON Rev. Richard Slater

\*HYMN 216 (red) Lead, Kindly Light

1. Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on!  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene:  
One step enough for me.
2. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path, but now Lead thou me on.  
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears, Pride ruled my will:  
remember not past years.
3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still Will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile Which I have loved long  
since, and lost awhile.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

### SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

The Giving of Our Gifts

Interlude 'Aberystwyth' Gerald Near (b. 1942)

\*Doxology 515 (red) and Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 542 (blue) Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
2. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing stream abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

\*COMMISSION

Leader: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world, let us  
remember the two greatest commandments that Jesus gave  
us. Jesus declared:

**People: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with  
all your soul and with all your mind; love your  
neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth  
and all that dwells therein."**

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Toccata in F Major* Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

*\*All who are able may stand.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Nancy and Eric Schlepphorst in  
memory of loved ones.

<i>Guest Pastor for July</i>	The Rev. Richard N. Slater
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