

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 23, 2023

10:00AM

A TIME OF GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE Prélude modal Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 121

Leader: I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

People: *My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.*

*HYMN 67 (blue) O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. Make us a joyful company of our people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING (responsively) Pilgrim Hymnal, Sel. 106, page 537
Psalm 139

READING from the Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 28:10-19a
"The Lord Is in This Place"

SPECIAL MUSIC Go Light Your World Chris Rice
Beth Spaulding accompanied by Sarah Ames

READING from the Christian Scriptures: Romans 8:12-25
"In Hope We Are Saved"

SERMON Rev. Richard Slater

*HYMN 557 (blue) Just a Closer Walk with Thee

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and sanres, if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden snares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

The Giving of Our Gifts

Interlude If You But Trust in God to Guide You Paul Manz
Wer nur den lieben Gott (1919-2009)

*Doxology 515 (red) and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 565 (blue) If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

1. If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through all your ways,
God will give strength, what-e'er betide you, and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that will not move.
2. God will embrace your pain and weeping, your helpless anger and distress.
If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ, who took for you a cross, will bring you safe through every loss.
3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do your own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trust in God indeed.

*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	Our Refuge and Strength (Psalm 46)	Donald F. Callender (1921-2010)
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**All who are able may stand.*

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