

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *In The Darkness* David Lanz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of alienation,
we have come seeking community.

In a world of fear,
we have come seeking courage.

In a world of confusion,
we have come seeking clarity.

In a world of strife,
we have come seeking peace.

In a world of pain,
we have come seeking balm.

In a world of despair,
we have come seeking hope.

In a world of death,
we have come seeking life.

In a world created by the God of Life,
we have come seeking our Maker.

* **HYMN 403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we know you are the God of Life.

**Yet, when faced with the powers of sin and death,
we grow fearful, struggling to trust that the power of
the Holy Spirit in us is greater.**

**Forgive us, O God, for our timidity in the face of personal
and social evil, and help us cling to Christ.**

**By your Spirit, strengthen and renew us, that we might
join with your work of recreating the world.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 59 (refrain three times) "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.**

**They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 7:11-17, p. 839 (NT)

ANTHEM *You Will Be Found* Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
Nathan Meyer, Soloist

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away.
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay,
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand,
You can reach, reach out your hand.

Refrain: And oh, someone will come running
And I know, they'll take you home.
Even when the dark comes crashing through.
When you need a friend to carry you.
And when you're broken on the ground.
You will be found.

So let the sun come streaming in
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again
Lift your head and look around,
You will be found.
You will be found.

There's a place where we don't have to feel alone,
And every time you call out you're a little less alone.
If you only say the word,
From across the silence your voice is heard. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 17:17-24, p. 282-283 (OT)

SERMON

"Out of Chaos, Life"
Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 776** "O God, Be Gracious"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (11.2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the
poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and
deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the
gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the
power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *All Good Gifts* Stephen Schwartz

We Plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain.
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.
I really wanna thank you Lord!

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 803** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Jennifer Cook

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Nancy Spann

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Margaret Marsh

Today's ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

No Out-to-Lunch Bunch Today

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will not meet today. We hope to see you tonight at the Church Picnic at Lake Julian instead (see below)!

Tonight Is the Church Picnic at Lake Julian!

Please join us this afternoon as we close out Summer Spirit with a church picnic and lakeside evening vespers at 5:00 PM. We will be in Shelter #1, same as last year. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, and those who are able are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Please bring yourself, a friend, and a lawn chair!

August Food Drive: Peanut Butter and Jelly

You are invited to drop off jars of peanut butter and jelly on the table in the Narthex. All donations will go to MANNA Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

This Tuesday: Exploration of Other Faiths

The Faith Formation Committee is offering an opportunity to learn about other faiths. This Tuesday, August 20, join Pastor Kim for a discussion of the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor—a gentle look at how other faiths strengthened her own Christian faith and gave her a deeper appreciation for the strengths of other faith traditions. We will meet at 7:00 PM in the Narthex.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, August 25 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, August 21.

Calendar

Sun	18	11:00 AM	Worship
		5:00 PM	Church Picnic at Lake Julian
Mon	19	5:30 PM	Session
Tues	20	7:00 PM	Book Study
Wed	21	6:00 PM	Worship Arts Team
Sun	25	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019

11 o'clock



"Out of Chaos, Life"

Third in the Series:



Then Elijah stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again."

1 Kings 17:21