# Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

August 21, 2022		10:00 A.M.		
PRELUDE	<i>"God Leads Us Along"</i> Amy Duran, piano	Bradbury		
Our Approach to God				
WELCOME				
CALL TO WOF Leader: People: Leader: People:	when praising. We're depending on God; He's ever What's more, our hearts brim with joy for our own His holy name.	<b>rything we need.</b> v since we've taken		
*HYMN	"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"	#89		
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION God, sometimes it feels like we're just plugging along. No highs, no lows. Our hearts can be kind of empty. There's something missing, and we kind of sense it. But we don't really go looking for it either. Sometimes we're missing the joy in life that You hope we'll feel. And so we pray that vitality, aliveness and joy might course through us. We ask that, through Your Spirit, You'll cultivate joy in us. Amen. HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE				
SPECIAL MUS Da	GIC <i>"Walking Free"</i> da and Kyle Eng, Steve Baumann, Amy			
The Word of God				
GREETING EA	GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST			

\*HYMN *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* #581

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8:9-12; 9: 12:	1, 9:5, 9,7, 9:9, 9:13 27, 12:43, 13:15-18	
SERMON	"Generating Joy"	Pastor Sayer	
PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD			
Our Response to God			
OFFERTORY			
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #			
JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION			
THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER			
*HYMN	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	#90	
BENEDICTION			
POSTLUDE	<i>"I Must Tell Jesus"</i> Amy Duran, piano	Shackley	

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna and Roger Carman; Harold Friedemann; Ernie Hepperle; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** Jesus, You are the way; so we pray that You will lead us onto paths to do Your will and Your work.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Marilyn Hams in memory and celebration of her husband Tom's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven and by Anne and David McBride in celebration of their granddaughter, Maeve Stebbins' 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Janet Kosack who is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

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We hope to fund and pack 1,000 meals, as we have done in prior years.

Will you consider giving a gift that will fund a number of meals? **Each Snack Pack costs us \$6.** 

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