

## Order of Worship

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

July 17, 2022 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Sweet By and By* arr. Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

### ***Our Approach to God***

WELCOME Pastor Sayer

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 17  
Leader: God, go ahead, examine me from inside out, surprise me in the middle of the night—You'll find I'm just what I say I am. My words don't run loose.

**People: I'm not trying to get my way in the world's way. I'm trying to get Your way, Your Word's way.**

Leader: I'm staying on Your trail; I'm putting one foot in front of the other. I'm not giving up.

**People: I call to You, God, because I'm sure of an answer. So – answer! Bend Your ear!**

\*HYMN *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* #79

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we're content to just "be" Christians. We don't always think about what that entails. We don't stop to think and pray about how to move deeper into our faith. We don't consider what steps we ought to take to move further into Kingdom life, Jesus-life. We simply continue as usual. Yet, You call us to become more like Jesus, through the Spirit. You ask us to move forward—as churches and as Your people. So, Spirit, maybe we do so in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Spark of Creation"* Schwartz  
Holly Budinich, Amy Duran

## ***The Word of God***

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN *"Jesus, I Come"* #491

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 2 King 22 and 23 assorted verses

SERMON *"Always Reforming"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## ***Our Response to God***

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"* #389

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"O Worship the King"* arr. Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna and Roger Carman; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We thank you, Lord, that at the start of every day Your mercies are new every morning.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by the Lufers in celebration of their grandchildren, Annie and Cora's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and by the McBride family in celebration of their son, David Ryan's birthday.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Tuesday** 7:30 Finance Committee  
**Wednesday** 11:00 Outreach Committee  
7:30 Zoom Bible Study  
**Thursday** 10:00 Bible Study  
7:30 Zoom Bible Study

**Sunday, July 24, 2022**

9:00-9:45 AM -- Breakfast  
10:00 AM – Worship with Communion

**ALL CHILDREN PLEASE JOIN US** for Sunday School and Puppets today, Sunday, July 17 at 10:00 AM. Also, we are hosting coffee hour so come join the fun, help set up and have some tasty treats!

**We hope that you have been keeping up with your readings through the 1 and 2 Kings.** We have been introduced to any number of kings of both Judah (the southern kingdom) and Israel (the northern kingdom or Samaria). Curtis Stock has put together a concise chart of the various kings which might help you to cement who the different kings were and what they did. They are available in the narthex.

**WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS ON AN ONGOING BASIS** for the Norwood Food Pantry, which operates out of the Church of the Holy Communion on Summit Street in Norwood. Items needed are coffee, oil, mayonnaise, cookies, sugar, ketchup, spam, cereal, juice, and monetary donations. Gift cards to grocery stores are also welcome.

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