

Order of Worship

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

September 11, 2022 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Willis
Amy Duran, piano

Our Approach to God

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 100

Leader: Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into God's presence.

People: Know this: God is God. He made us; we didn't make Him. We're His people, His well-tended sheep.

Leader: Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank Him. Worship Him.

People: For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

*HYMN "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" #93

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, compared to You, we're pretty small. And so, when we live a life that's about us, it's a life that's smaller than what You offer. And so often God, we settle. We settle for a life that's about us. We settle for a life that's smaller. We let ourselves be fooled by an all-too-human notion: that we're more important than we really are. That we are the center. And so we repent of that, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

INSTALLATION OF GUILD OFFICERS

Presidents: Tracy Ciavaglia, Chris Novak
Secretary: Kathy Dages
Treasurer: Val Hill

CHANCEL CHOIR "Here I Am" Long/Pote

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" #563

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Daniel 6:1-28 p. 826 (OT)

SERMON "At the Center" 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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #564

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord Almighty" Gesangsbuch
Amy Duran, piano

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Christian Brueck; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Jill Cox; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; Jane Marshall; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, we thank you for your love towards us and your faithfulness towards us through Christ even when we stumble or fall.

THE FLOWERS are given by Sharon Brahs in memory of Eva McCune Warner, celebrating a wonderful woman.

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7:30 Property Committee
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7:30 Choir
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Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:00 AM Worship

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