

Order of Worship

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

July 30, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *"It Is Well with My Soul"* arr. Mark Hayes
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

OPENING PSALM *"I'm Home"* Psalm 84
Nate Giordano, guitar

VOTUM

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Amen.

SENTENCES

Leader: I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.

People: Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of Your face, God. Ever since You took my hand, I'm on the right way.

SALUTATION

Leader: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Giver of all Good Gifts, You offer us time to live into, and money to provide for our needs, and talents to do Your work. But You offer them in limited amounts. And so we have to be good stewards of all these things. But we aren't necessarily. We don't consistently think about how we might best use Your gifts. We just use them, depending on our whims of the moment. And so, to some degree, they are squandered. We pray, Holy Spirit, that You'll point us in the right direction – we pray that You'll give us wisdom as to how best to live into these generous gifts You've given us, through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC Jim Lupfer, Amy Duran

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* #676

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:38-42 p. 72 (NT)

SERMON *"Picking the Right Dish"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*WE ARE AN OFFERING #678

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"* #680

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Bound for the Promised Land"* arr. Evanovitch
Amy Duran, piano

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Judi Keith; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Debra Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: We pray, God, that you would grant us grace and wisdom as we face change, and help us to set unnecessary fears aside, and to recognize the potential that change may bring.

THE FLOWERS are given by Dorothy Abelman in loving memory of Cathy and Steve Files.

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10:00 AM Worship with Communion

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People: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

People: We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

People: In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

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Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: . . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

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Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,

People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,

but gave Him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

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