Order of Worship

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

August 13, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" Johanne Ahle

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

Leader: I love God because He listened to me, listened as I begged

for mercy.

People: God is gracious—it is He who makes things right, our

most compassionate God.

Leader: God takes the side of the helpless; when I was at the end of

my rope, He saved me.

People: I said to myself, "Relax and rest. God has showered

you with blessings."

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we cross to the other side of the street. We turn around. We flick a wave and keep on going. God, we're not very good at loving people who aren't easy to love. We don't make or take the time to do that. We pass them by. And so does everyone else. That leaves a lot of lonely people out there. Uncared for people. And we're participants in that. Holy Spirit, we pray for the grace to love even those who are hard to love—especially those who are hard to love—in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Will Be Christ to You" Marty Parks
Ruth Cuffe, Justin Johnson, Amy Duran

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?" #306

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:32-36 p. 64 (NT)

Luke 19:1-10

p. 82 (NT)

SERMON "Hard Love" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #710

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Anthony Showalter

Amy Duran, piano

*Please stand if you are able.

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

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, You want us to forget former things and not dwell on the past as we are told in the book of Isaiah. We pray that we don't find ourselves stuck where we are but as Paul says in Philippians, "stretching forward and pressing on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

THE FLOWERS are given by the Lupfer family in celebration of Jim's birthday and by Chris Doyle in loving memory of Bruce Lockhart and Dick and Joan VanderBorgh..

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