

Order of Worship

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

August 20, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

OPENING PSALM *"Put Not Your Hope in the Nation"* Psalm 146
Nate Giordano, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in You;

People: I sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

*HYMN *"His Name Is Wonderful"* #118

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father God, so often we find ourselves impatient with people who are different from us, or those who are needy and difficult to spend time with. Forgive us for ignoring those who are lonely, those who might be in need of our time or help or be encouraged by something as simple as a phone call. We ask that, through the power of your Holy Spirit, you will show us what we need to see and help us to be more and more like Jesus by doing what He would do.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Blessed Be Your Name"* Matt Redman
Nate Giordano

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* #572

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-9
Genesis 50:20
Romans 8:28

SERMON *"But God . . . "* Jane Marshall

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Barbara Ciannella, organ

***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: God, give us eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in our lives and to move towards them. May we be humble enough to know that we may be that difficult person to someone else. Help us to pray for those hard to love so that it becomes hard not to love them.

THE FLOWERS are given by Marilyn Hams in celebration of her husband, Tom's 95th birthday in heaven and in loving memory of Clarissa Wunschel by her mother, Ann Froeder.

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11:30 – Guild Executive Meeting

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