

## Order of Worship

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

October 1, 2023 "World Communion Sunday" 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "I Give You My Heart" Reuben Morgan  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 93

Leader: God is King, robed and ruling, God is robed and surging with strength. And yes, the world is firm, immovable,

**People: Your throne ever firm—You're Eternal!**

Leader: Stronger than wild sea storms, mightier than sea-storm breakers, Mighty God rules from High Heaven.

**People: What You say goes—it always has. "Beauty" and "Holy" mark Your rules, God, to the very end of time.**

\*HYMN "O How I Love Jesus" #90

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, You came and healed. You challenged powerful people about their ritualistic religion and asked them to move toward true faith. You fed people. You hung out with the despised. In the end, you writhed on a cross for us. In other words, You served people and sacrificed for them. Service and sacrifice come hard for us, though. We think a lot about ourselves. Our own desires, our image, our comfort – those are the things that drive us. And so, Spirit, we need You to infuse us with the desires that drive Jesus instead. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "I Trust in You" Dorothy Stanley

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

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" #309

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:35-45 p. 47 (NT)

SERMON "Fool on the Hill" 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

\*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" #314

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Worthy of Worship" Mark Blankenship  
Amy Duran, piano

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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We pray, God, that the Holy Spirit would help us to restore relationships that are strained and give us the strength to work through relationships that have become difficult. Please help us to see all relationships in others from Your perspective so we can see the hope that You offer for healing those relationships.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Chris and Dennis Novak in loving memory of Dennis's parents, Emil and Josephine Novak.

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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.

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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,

**People: and do not forget all His benefits**

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,

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