Order of Worship

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

October 8, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Bind Us Together" Bob Gillman

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 93

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

compassionate God.

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

end of my rope, He saved me.

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

with blessings.

People: I'm striding in the presence of God, alive in the land of

the living!

*HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" #89

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love and Grace, You love people so deeply. You have such profound patience with us. We flail and fail in life, and yet You put up with it all. But we have so little patience with people. Their imperfection grates on us. Their peculiarities alienate us. We'd much rather hang out with the cool kids. We confess to You our failure to love anywhere close to the way You do, and even the lack of desire to love that way. We pray in Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "The Lord Is My Light" Craig Courtney

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Grace Greater than Our Sin" #344

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:18-50 p. 66 (NT)

SERMON "Eleanor Rigby" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

BELL CHOIR "As the Deer" Cotes

Dorothy Abelman, Director

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #355

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Great Is the Lord" arr. Mark Hayes

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: Heavenly Father, we pray for hearts more like Jesus, a heart more ready to serve than to be served. We know it is a blessing to serve others, and we serve God when we serve others.

THE FLOWERS are given by the Gumberg Family in celebration of Amy's birthday.

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