

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Rozmus

PRELUDE

Bill Hardie, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Rozmus

God, of the whirlwind and fire, sweeps into our presence in this hour.

Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all worlds into being, calls forth new life in us today.

Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

Glory be to God who created light in which we can walk in confident expectations. Let us worship God together this Sabbath morning.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dan Merry

*OPENING HYMN

"Love Lifted Me"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Rozmus

Creator of All Worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe, our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity In the face of natural disasters and cruel inhumanity we doubt that Love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us, and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need Your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit.

TIME OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

Psalm 139:23-24

Matt Rozmus

Search me, oh God, and know my heart, try me, and know my anxious ways. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dan Merry

Forgiveness is not something we earn, or something we deserve. Forgiveness is a free gift, given by a God who intentionally loves us and wants the very best for each and every one of us. The Good News this day my friends is: ***WE ARE FORGIVEN. Thanks be to God.***

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #142

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dan Merry

THE MESSAGE

"Possibly our finest year!"

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

Hymnal # 155

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #382

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(please see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

"What a Day That Will Be"

Hymnal #314

COMMISSION & BEDICTION

Rev. Dan Merry

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

POSTLUDE

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