

Service for the Lord's Day August 8, 2021



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

August 8, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## **GATHERING**

#### **Re-Entering the Sanctuary**

Introit

Welcome & Announcements The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

## \*Call to Worship

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come? *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth, *For God is found among us.* Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, *God is here among us.* Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community. *Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.* 

**\*Hymn #645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt. MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

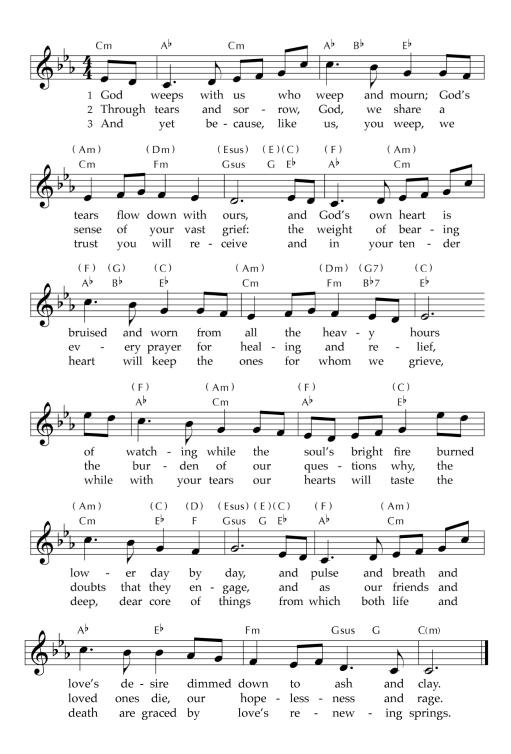
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#### A Prayer of Lament

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress, the losses that our congregation has suffered. We have missed our weekly assembled worship, our sharing of bread and cup, our communal song, our greetings of peace; the full observances of Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas; baptisms, weddings, and funerals; gatherings for education; coffee hours; the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday, and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19. O God, we lament our losses, for they are many. Restore us, gracious God. **Restore us, gracious God.** 

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe, the tragedies that our world has experienced. We lament the millions sickened; the countless dead; thousands unemployed; medical systems depleted; economic security threatened; political discord escalated; despondency rampant; racial injustice intensified; communal engagements canceled... O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable. Heal us, compassionate God.

**Song of Lament #787** God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn



## Scripture Reading Psalm 121

#### **A Prayer of Praise**

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,

we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation: we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament; for the personal presence of our pastor, elders and deacons; for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together; for communal song and live music; for coffee hours; for Bible study; for service with one another for the wider community; for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and weekdays ... O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together. Empower our church, faithful God. **Empower our church, faithful God.** 

And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world:

with health restored; mourners consoled; vaccines available for children; poverty averted; sustenance shared; science respected; travel resumed; fear replaced with confidence; sorrow turned to joy . . .

O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world. Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Give us your peace, eternal God. Give us your peace, eternal God.

**Passing of the Peace** (We will pass the peace by placing a hand over our heart and saying "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

# **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

## **Children's Message**

Sermon Help on the Journey

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **Time of Silence & Reflection**

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



**\*Hymn #837** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887 SHOWALTER 10.9.10.9 with refrain

## **Charge & Benediction**

## Postlude

## Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Robin Bell Pianist: Alyssa Snelson Singer: Sulin Campbell Video Producer: Heather Myer

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