

Jesus said to them “Come and see...” John 1:39



SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 am

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We are glad that you are sharing worship with us. If this is your first time here and you would like to be placed on our mailing list or you would like more information about our church, please fill out the welcome card located in the entryway or email the church office. Our mailing list is not shared with other organizations.

Vision Statement:

We are the church alive, a compassionate community of faith and a spiritual home where all people can experience the liberating love of God.

SONG OF SINGSPIRATION

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Congregation's response is in bold print)*

Come, let us walk with God during this time of worship and celebrate God's covenant with us and all humankind.

Surely God is in this place today.

We find refuge and strength as we gather.

Be still and know that God is God;

Who is beyond human knowing and human limitation.

The Most High lives in us and among us.

The whole universe is God's dwelling place.

God loves each person, across all nations and beyond human defined differences; God loves all creation and calls it good.

We gather to seek a deeper relationship with God and this beloved community. We remember that God is good and God is love!

OPENING HYMN

FIRST READING

PSALM

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Congregation's response is in bold print)*

We gather together as God's Beloved Community.

We belong to God who loves us unconditionally.

Faith and spirituality are unique...as is our relationship with God and one another.

And yet, in the midst of our differences, we hold in common the belief that God's radically inclusive love is for all people.

All are welcome at God's table and warmly invited to "Come, taste, and see."

We say with delight "Come, taste, and see -- how good God is!"

God is faithful and delights in us; we are never alone.

God promises to walk with us always and to meet us in our need.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are healed and become a healing presence.

We are God's light in the world. May that light burn brightly!

We are called to be good stewards of God's creation; God has entrusted us with the care of the land, sea, and air...as well as fur, fin, and feather.

We are called to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. In response to God's eternal and unconditional love, we lift up praise and gratitude. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER OF GOD'S GRACE

We are human: we strive to love, but we often fall short. Jesus, we confess that we do not always answer when you call us to bear your light in the world. Although we long for love, too often we do not accept love or offer it. Help us to let go of our failings. Renew our hearts. Fill us anew with your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God delights in showing mercy. And it is from God's deep well of love that we are forgiven. With this new start, Jesus invites us to walk in love.

HOLY COMMUNION

(We celebrate an open communion, so all are welcome at the table. We serve gluten-free wafers and grape juice so all may freely participate. Come and taste God's goodness!)

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CLOSING HYMN

CLOSING PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship after the service...