

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 26, 2021

## Preparation for Worship

**Prelude**                      *Aria from the 12th Concerto Grosso*                      G.F. Handel

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, we rejoice in this day — a day you have made! Open our hearts that we might worship you with joyful abandon. Open our eyes so that we might revel in the glory of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your praises. Open our ears to hear your Word anew. Renew us and fill our entire beings with your Spirit. Amen.

### \*Call to Worship

One: We come into the presence of the Holy God,

**All: Who may not be grasped,**

One: But may be gazed upon;

**All: Who is not easily understood,**

One: But is full of understanding;

**All: Who does not come at our beck and call,**

One: But who is always near.

**All: We gather as God's children**

One: In confident assurance that God is here.

### \*Hymn Of Praise                      *God of the Sparrow*

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand

God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Infinite God, you are creative, and powerful, and full of love beyond our ability to fully comprehend. You can work in surprising ways and appear in unexpected people and places, but we are guilty of limiting our own openness to your Spirit's power and presence. You come to us in the stranger and the outcast, but we don't perceive you where we don't expect to see you, and instead of welcoming others in love, we have rejected and judged those who are different from us. Have mercy on us, we pray. Expand our hearts with love that more easily welcomes and embraces all of your children. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**The Children's Time**

Doris York

**The Act of Offering**

**LPC Troupers**

*Lifted Up with Joy*

Linda Allen

Troupers: Diana Quinlan, Meg Sheffield,  
Steve Matheson, Thomas Scott, Alan York

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Dedication**

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Scripture**

Hebrews 13:1-3

Romans 12:13-21

**Sermon**

*Extending Hospitality*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**Response Of God's People**

**Prayers of the People and The 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 of Commitment**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata in G*

Dennis Eliot

**The Floral Arrangement** in the Chancel this morning is given by Doris and Alan York  
to the glory of God and in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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