

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prelude on Mississippi
(Mark D. Himmelman)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Brian Walter

INTROIT Earth and All Stars (Brokering/Johnson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the earth—

God is under our feet.

Like the sky—

God is over our heads.

Like the air—

God is all around us and gives us life.

Like a dream—

God is mysterious and beyond us.

God is in us—

and we are in God.

God's love propels and compels us...

to worship!

***HYMN** God, We Praise You for the Morning (pg 7)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, we are mindful in these September days of beginnings and endings, thankful for these days of transition that take us from the easier, relaxed days of summer into preparations and

schedules of all kinds, in all the parts of our lives. And so we return to the routines that order this time in the year, comforted by what 'the usual' can bring to us. In these changing days, approaching summer's end we look now to what will unfold for our church community with excitement and hope for the future. We pray that your presence here within and around us may bring us to care for one another in this time so that we might naturally reach out beyond ourselves to share what we have come to know in you. Open our hearts and hands O God. Pour us out into your world. God in Community, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We come to know God's love in all things.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Dance With the Spirit (MV 156)

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.**

**Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way. (J.Strathdee)**

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 149 VU p.873 1st Ref.
(Sing to God a new song.) Brian Walter (pg 8)

ANTHEM Come Down, O Love Divine
(B. da Siena/R.F. Littledale/Vaughn Williams arr. Joel Raney)

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20 p. 16 Pew Bible NT
(Where two or three are gathered in my name.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Ingathering

***HYMN** My Love Colours Outside the Lines (G.Light)
MV 138

My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find; and takes me into places where I've never been before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine; and takes me into places where I've never been before, and open doors to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time. And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open doorsto worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water...

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY You'll Never Walk Alone
(Rogers/Hammerstein) Bob McRoberts

***DEDICATION** We Are An Offering *(D. Liles)*
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering. We are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYER PRELUDE Spirit of Life *(C. McDade)*
Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. *(VU 381)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER
VU p.910

***HYMN** Let There Be Light *(pg 7)*

***COMMISSIONING**
However you have been called
to this place of worship—
we are sent now to live out
what we have learned and know;
that God's love goes with us
into every part of our lives.

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song *(MV 213)*
Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down in love, lay them down,
and take up his song.

POSTLUDE Fanfare on 'Soli Deo Gloria'
(Mark D. Himmelman)

Back to church with deep thanks...
to our worship hosts, guest preachers, scripture readers,
musicians,, guest soloists, Welcome Table hosts, sound techs,
live-stream, and refreshments people for
providing excellent leadership and support throughout the
weeks of summer. Your ministry over this time was
important and much appreciated!



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PENTECOST 15
September 10, 2023
11:00 AM

*Sometimes, the smallest step in the right direction
ends up being the biggest step of your life: tip toe
if you must, but take the step.*
(Naeem Callaway)

God, We Praise You for the Morning

God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day, new beginning, prayer, and promise, joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land. Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show; human touching, tears, and laughter, help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend, restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we may know your ways. In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! Christ is Lord of our days!

Let There Be Light

Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace;

perish the sword, perish the angry judgement, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language, your people speak together, your spirit never fade;

let there be light; open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

RESPONSIVE READING —Psalm 149

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sing to God a new song;

give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker;

let the children of Zion exult in their Sovereign!

Let them praise God's name with dancing;

let them sing God's praise with tambourine and harp! R

For you, O God, take delight in your people;

you crown the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in their glory;

let them sing for joy as they feast. R

Let God's praise be on their lips,

the two-edged sword in their hands,

to bring the nations to justice,

and call to account the peoples,

To bind their rulers with fetters,

their great ones with bonds of iron,

To execute on them the sentence decreed.

This is the glory of all God's saints! R

*Let them praise his name with dancing and
make music to him with timbrel and harp.*