

Sunday Worship

August 27, 2023

join on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241097791>

Meeting ID: 842 4109 7791

God Gathers the Church

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

Come to worship the One who hears and answers our prayers.

If God were not on our side, we could not live.

If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

God has gifted each one of us in unique ways.

The variety of gifts we each hold complement one another.

We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

Blessed be the God whose word is true.

In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.

We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

We are here, seeing to discern God's will.

We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN: #2 "O Worship the King"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we did not realize that we are among the rich oppressors of this world. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike us. We set up barriers against them when we are afraid. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to conform to the world's standards, set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

*GLORIA PATRI

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #106 “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Sermon:

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

The Church Responds to God

THE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation and Offering

*DOXOLOGY

*Prayer of Blessing

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN WITH 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.

*SENDING HYMN: #719 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates to please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*

** Liturgy for today is from Taught by Love, by Lavon Baylor*