

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

* Please stand if able

Plain text = Leader

Bold text = People

Prelude

“We Praise Thee, O God”

Organist, Julie Pulliam
J.J. Husband

(Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

Call to Worship (Please stand)

Elder, Jo Ann Flores

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

**Gather us in, the done and the doubting,
the wishing and the wondering, the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company found at your feast.**

Gather us in, the proud and the pretentious, the sure and superior,
the never inferior who long for the leveling found at your feast.

**Gather us in from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression,
from untold excesses, from treasured successes.**

Gather us in to be found at the feast.

ALL: Gather us in, O God. Gather us in.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

“How Firm A Foundation”

PH #361

Call to Prayer & Prayer for Renewal (Be seated)

Elder

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, God’s love has been poured
into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

Let us pray...

**God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old passes away and that you make
all things new, but we hear it amid our self-doubt. We confess our
desire for guarantees when what you offer us is even greater hope.
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions. When you call us
to follow, we ask “Where?” Forgive our reluctance to leave our false
comforts in order to walk in your newness of life. Forgive our
distrust, our anxiety, our fear.**

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Whit Dempsey

Amen. Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Sung Response (Stand as desired.)

GTG # 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:

Reading from Psalms

Psalms 33:12-22

Deacon Reader, Janette Powers
(pgs 513-514)

Special Music

“I Don’t Know How to Love Him”

from *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Singer, Taylor Robinson

music by Andrew Lloyd Webber,

Lyrics by Tim Rice

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey
(NT pg. 70)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with All Ages

Roxanne Foster

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing)

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

Sermon

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Whit Dempsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith (Please Stand)

The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

Elder

Communion of the People

Prayers at the table (including prayers of the people)

Words of Institution

Serving Communion

“Let Us Be Bread”

STF 2260 in Sing The Faith.

*(Bread is taken individually. Please **wait to take juice/wine together.**)*

*(White grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray;
red wine in the middle ring, and water in the center.)*

Prayer after Communion

Offertory "Whispering Hope" Alice Hawthorne

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Presentation of Offering** "Doxology" (PH #592/1)

*Praise God, From whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, All creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Hymn** "Live into Hope!" PH # 332

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Closing Sung Response** PH #432

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working, for a world that's new, Faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

Postlude "I Am Thine, O Lord" Organist, Julie Pulliam
W.H.Doan

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores Deacon Reader: Janette Powers
Greeter: Jeff Stimson Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller
TWAA: Roxanne Foster Hymn Leader: Taylor Robinson
Communion: Bonnie Emge, Eleanor Fowler, Marcia Hecox, & Ann Ludvigsen

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*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all,
And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022*