

Order of Worship August 22, 2021

**Please rise as you are able*

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Prelude

Two Pieces for Trumpet and Organ:

Allegretto

Franceschini

Gavotte

Arne

Dennis Edelbrock, Trumpet

*Greeting

Aaron Eckert

Leader: When we become aware of one another's pain,

People: God invites us to reach out with empathy and compassion.

Leader: When we see the depth of the world's need,

People: Jesus invites us to follow his example of humble service.

Leader: When we need courage to bear another's burdens,

People: the Spirit invites us to trust and obey.

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, empower us to be the presence of love!

*Opening Hymn

Stand By Me

UMH 512

Welcome

Laura Bishop

Children's Message

John Ausink

Prayer of Confession

Laura Bishop, Aaron Eckert

Leader 1: *How many of you have ever had a bad day
and found someone offering you unsolicited advice?
How many of you have ever had a bad week
and had someone rush in
with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things,
as if you hadn't thought of that before?
We have all been there, and we have all done that.
It is part of our humanity.
Our scripture reminds us today
that often in the face of hurt,
what people really need is not a list of advice or solutions,
but the simple presence of love.*

*So let us pray to God today,
acknowledging that we are works in progress,
and that relationships always come with mistakes and confession.
Let us pray:*

Leader 2: *Gracious God,
sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—
it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.
This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.
We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.
Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.
Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.
Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their
moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.
You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.
Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"
Teach us how to point to you.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.*

Leader 1: *Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening,
assumed without knowing,
offered without asking,
or rushed without waiting—
you are forgiven.
God knows your desire and your intent.
God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:*

**All: Every day is a new day for love.
We are claimed. We are forgiven.
We are invited into relationship.
Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.**

Scripture

Job 2:11-13

Cheryl Scannell

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...
Week 3: What Do You Need?

Laura Bishop

Special Music

Ayre

Telemann

Dennis Edelbrock, Trumpet

Prayer of the People

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

***Hymn**

We Are Called

TFSW 2712

***Benediction**

from "Servant Song" TFSW 2222

lyrics below

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

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