Order of Worship August 29, 2021

Prelude	Morning Has Broken Fran Underwood, handbells; Lisa Gibbs-Smith	arr. Cathy Moklebust n, piano		
Greeting		Rusty Smith		
*Hymn	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	UMH 121		
Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam				
Children's Messo	ge Blessing of the Backpacks	Pam Gibert		
Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert Leader: One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it allows us to claim that we are works in progress, and there is beauty in that. You don't have to be perfect here. You don't have to have it all figured out here. You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next here. You just have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest. So friends, let us be honest. Let us pray the prayer of confession together People: Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.				

With hope and honesty we pray,

Amen.

Leader: Family of faith,

We are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God.

No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau. I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture	Acts 10:9-23	Margi Melnick
Sermon		Rev. Calvert
Offering		
Prayer		Rev. Furtado-Gilliam
*Holy Communion		Rev. Calvert
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
The Lord be with you	U.	
And also with you.		
Lift up your hearts.		
We lift them up to th	e Lord.	
Let us give thanks to	o the Lord our God.	
It is right to give our	thanks and praise.	
The pastor continues		
And so,		
with your people on	n earth	
and all the compar	ny of heaven	
we praise your nam	e and join their unending hymn:	
Holy, holy, holy Lord	l, God of power and might,	

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues...

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen. And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as our savior taught us: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

Lord, I Need You

see song sheet

*Benediction

Rev. Calvert

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