

Order of Worship

The Path of the Disciple: Learning to Grow

July 9, 2023 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Mark Frazier, organ

American Folk Tune
setting by Dale Wood

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

People: In Christ, we find rest.

Leader: Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

People: In Christ, we see God's ways.

Leader: Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

People: In Christ, we know God's love.

Leader: Come, for Christ calls us here!

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,

open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives—
that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Friends in Christ, know this:

the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting,
and I remind you of this surpassing grace—
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Taking the Yoke** Rev. Wines

Hymn **You Who Are Thirsty** TFWS 2132

Prayer of the People Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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Hymn **The Lone, Wild Bird** TFWS 2052

Benediction Rev. Wines

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