

# Order of Worship

## *The Journey Begins*

August 27, 2023 10:00 AM

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

### Prelude

### Chaconne in E Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Mark Frazier, organ

### Welcome

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

### Greeting

Leader: Where do we turn in a sea of turmoil?

**People: Our hope is in the LORD who watches over us, loves and cares for us!**

Leader: When the world is against us, where do we turn?

**People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth!**

**All: Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!**

### Hymn

### This I Believe

### Prayer of Confession

O Lord, there are far too many times

when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others

because it just wasn't convenient for us to help.

We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts.

Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion

in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us.

Remind us that we are residents of a global community.

Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless.

With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ,

direct our lives in compassionate service to others.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love,

you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others,

to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world.

God's blessings are poured over you for this service.

**People: Amen.**

**Children's Message/Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Who Do You Say?**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Prayer of the People**

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Leader: God, without you on our side, our troubles would swallow us up whole.  
Guide us, merciful God, as we navigate through the muck and mire  
in our lives. Help us to trust your guidance.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God, without you on our side, disasters would overwhelm and  
sweep us away. Protect us, merciful God, and inspire us to give  
and receive help when we face times of calamity and destruction.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God, without you on our side, the suffering of the world would overtake us,  
arresting us with the enormity of human need all around us.  
Help our hearts remain tender, merciful God, that we would meet  
the suffering in ourselves, our families, and our neighbors with  
compassion and care.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God, without you on our side, the conflicts and discord that surround us  
would leave us full of distrust and suspicion. Heal us, merciful God,  
that we may be agents of restoration, peace, and help everywhere  
we go.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
**Thanks be to God who guides, protects, heals, and helps us now**  
**and forevermore. Amen.**

**Offering**

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and click "Make your online offering."*

**Benediction**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

**Postlude**

**Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort**

Dietrich Buxtehude

Mark Frazier, organ

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