

Order of Worship

September 10, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Prelude **Allegro Moderato from Sonata II** Felix Mendelssohn
Mark Frazier, organ

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder

People: and music that calls us home.

Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

People: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality—

Leader: hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

People: leading us to fully live with open minds, open hearts, and open doors!

Hymn **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** UMH 158

Prayer of Confession

Leader: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation
of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive
God's mercy and share in that abundant grace.
Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayer:

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day
into the image of Christ.

People: We confess that we fear what is different.
We confess that it's easier to lock the doors
of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look,
love like we love, or vote the way we vote.

Leader: We confess that we have not lived out your call
to share in abundant life and unconditional love.
We believe that you have the power to turn us around
to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that.

People: **We ask you to give us the courage to change.**
 We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination,
 and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Anthem

Give Me Joy in My Heart

John Burke

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

Romans 13:8-14

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Know Better

Rev. Wines

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."*

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 Lord 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

Great Are You Lord

Benediction

Rev. Wines

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