

Sunday Morning Worship

June 13, 2021, 8:45 am

Words to ponder: See as God sees. Only then can we see rightly. Love as God loves. Only then can we love with the eyes of our heart enlightened.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Bill Florin

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Come, walk in the light of faith.

People: We will walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Come, love in the light of faith.

People: We will love everything the light touches.

Leader: Come, sing in the light of faith.

People: We will sing praise to our God.

Leader: Come, live in the light of faith.

People: We will live as faithful followers of Christ.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Help us to walk by faith, O God, not by sight. Be our vision, Holy One, for without vision your people perish. Remind us that you do not see as mortals see, for you do not judge by outward appearances, but look on the heart. With our eyes of faith enlightened, help us see your kingdom in a tiny mustard seed, and marvel at the growth you offer to all through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Shout to the Lord" TFWS # 2074

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NSRV) Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34 (NSRV) Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

Sermon "*Sometimes We Get It Wrong*" Bill Florin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Gracious God and Creator, giver of life, source of all that is pure and good, we know that we often get it wrong. We are quick to judge others, writing them off, labeling them, scoffing at the speck in their eyes while we ignore the plank in our own. Forgive us of this pride and lack of self-awareness. When we are feeling smug, remind us that all have sin, and all are in need of salvation. Like the birds resting in the branches of the cedar tree and mustard plant, we need the dwelling place that comes through faith and your unending grace. Bless us, Lord, with the coolness of your shade on a hot summer day. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Joys and Concerns Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Bountiful God, your kingdom is like seed that is scattered on the ground. How it grows, we know not, but there is abundance in the harvest. Your kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a shrub, where the birds of the air build their nests. May the gifts we bring before you this day bear the fruit of your kingdom, where all may be fed, and all may be blessed. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Here I AM Lord" UMC # 593

Benediction

Benediction Response "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"
UMH # 671

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