# Morning Worship February 20, 2022, 10:00 am

\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: Love for Enemies

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" S. Volkslieder 1842

Welcome & Announcements (see insert)

Amy Rajpolt

\*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 37 Leader

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of

wrongdoers,

People: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like

the green herb.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land,

and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the

desires of your heart.

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their

refuge in the time of trouble.

People: The Lord helps them and rescues them; He rescues

them from the wicked, and saves them, because they

take refuge in Him.

\*Opening Hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

\*Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader
Heavenly Father, we confess that loving our enemies, blessing those
who curse us, and praying for those who abuse us is much easier said
than done. It is often much easier to become defensive, fight back, or
simply feel hurt when others do us harm. How are you so merciful,
Lord? How can we be just as merciful so that we can have eyes to see
that what the world intended as harm, you intended for good. Allow
us to grow in this sacred time of worship to love as you love and to
truly become children of the Most High. We pray this all in Jesus'
name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** 

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Come Unto Me"

A Time for Children of All Ages

#### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 45:3–15 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27–38 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What Would Joseph Do?" Pastor Chuck

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn of Response** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

# We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

# Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

\*Doxology

## Offering Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we humbly come to your altar once again to offer our treasures as well as our service. Lord, if this is a time of struggle, let it be our source of strength. If this offering stretches us, let us proclaim as Paul did, that when I am weak, then I am strong. Use our weakness, and our gifts, to Your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

#### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn "Pass It On" UMH #572

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for **Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship Next up: **Exodus 34:29–35**, **Luke 9:28–36** 

Zoom Link (Live Meeting)



YouTube (https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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# **Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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> Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674 Passcode: 2819 Dial-in: +1 929 205 6099

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