

ONLINE WORSHIP AUGUST 23, 2020

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Responsive Reading

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

All: We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in the night times of loneliness.

One: We gather as the church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

All: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred and filled with hope.

Hymn #67

"We Thy People Praise Thee"

Prayer (worship leader prays aloud)

Maker of heaven and earth, we come from different places with our own place on the journey. Some of us have succeeded and found favor. Some of us have failed and seek reassurance. Some of us feel trapped and helpless. Some of us have escaped peril and feel great relief. But no matter what our experience has been, we come here today to meet you in worship. Remind us of your power and mercy. Replenish our courage and vision. Renew our identity as your people. Reinvigorate our holy work in this world, for our help is in your name alone, Holy God, maker of heaven and earth. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2034 "Blessed Be The Name of The Lord")

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children In Ministry
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Message: "Solid Enough?" Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing song #3134 "Still")

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (followed by)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day, that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resource. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen.

Hymn #2120

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (may require app download).