

SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 25, 2021

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Choral Introit Announcements Pastoral Welcome Music Meditation *Call to Worship

One: God of conversation, we are here, trying to be courageous.

All: We are here, trying to be curious.

One: We are here, trying to build connections.

All: It is easier said than done.

One: We need you like we need this community, like we need

the sunrise every morning.

All: So draw near to us. Teach us how to speak. Teach us how to listen. Teach us how to find you in the spaces between our words and our ears.

One: God of conversation, we've been meaning to ask,

All: "Where do we go from here? One: How do we speak truth? All: How do we listen for you?" One: Guide us. Be with us. Hold us.

All: Unsettle us. Catch us. Feed us. Fill us. Meet us in this

space.

*Hymn #568

"Christ for the World We Sing" (v. 1-3)

*Invocation

Holy God, we know that you are always speaking—through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that stir hope awake in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice and bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know

that we are inclined to miss it. Quiet our spirits now to hear your word fully. We want to be part of the conversation. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (greet fellow worshipers as we sing song #2037 "I Sing Praises to Your Name")

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry Erich Grimm-Schmitt Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22

Message: "I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Do We Go From Here?"

Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3154 "Draw the Circle Wide")

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

*Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

Gracious One, you have given us a love that stretches farther than we can see or even believe. You have given us a grace and a forgiveness that is deeper than our vulnerabilities. You have given us a healing and a hope that makes us whole. Take now the offerings of our hearts and lives that your love might reach all those in need. Amen.

*Hymn #2172

"We Are Called" (v. 1-2)

*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.

^{*}indicates to rise, as you are able.