

Welcome To Worship



Sunday, Oct. 15th, 2023/ 19th Sunday After Pentecost

****Those who are able may stand***

PRELUDE

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
AN INVITATION TO REST**

OPENING SENTENCES (Unison)

**Loving God, we gather in this place,
coming from our different views and competing
concerns, to seek you and our common humanity.**

**May our eyes be opened,
May our hearts be moved,
May our hope be broadened,
May our faith be deepened...now**



Until we can see you and each other with the clarity of love.

***GATHERING HYMN**

#301

Let Us Build A House (Vs: 1, 4 & 5)

KYRIE #627 I Love You Lord

[Confession need not be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful moment, like tired shoulders getting to drop a heavy burden. Grace means confession is just a "hallelujah" dressed in truth telling. For this reason, we begin and end our "Confession" with "I love you lord". A joyful song expressing how our confession is an act of love towards the God who's love first called us home.]

***I love you lord
To worship you***

***And I lift my voice
oh my soul, rejoice....***

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Jesus, Prince of Peace, we confess we have not learned and need you to teach us still.
Teach us to walk in your rhythms of grace.

Forgive our impatience with everyday life. We rush around, irritated at delays, frustrated with things and people which do not move at our pace.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, teach us to walk in your rhythms of grace.

We are impatient with prayer. Sometimes we treat you like a vending machine, or assuming know your will and your best for us.

Help us to trust your timing and your kindness.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, teach us to walk in your rhythms of grace.

Thank you that you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. You are patient with at every level.

Help us to treat each other and even ourselves in the same way.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, teach us to walk in your rhythms of grace. Amen.

KYRIE

Take joy my king

In what you hear.

May it be a sweet sweet sound

In Your ears.

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Where there is love there is no shame, no fear, no harsh demand.

May you know that God is love and here to restore, renew, refresh.

This is the Good news!

Hallelujah and Amen.

***RESPONSE HYMN**

#701

Sanctuary (x2)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Special Music

All Good Gifts

Jim Kent

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1.....Isaiah 25: 1-9

READING 2.....Matthew 22: 1-14

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Robes Never Earned, Always Needed

(Rev. Ozaki)

ATTENTIVE STILLNESS &

(We invite you to close your eyes and take a silent moment to simply "be" and listen for how God's "still, small voice" might be speaking to you through what you just heard)

CONTEMPLATION HYMN

#769

For Everyone Born (VS: 1 &

5)

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

#839

Blessed Assurance

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

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Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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