

Welcome To Worship



Sunday, August 13th, 2023/ 11th Sunday After Pentecost

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

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
AN INVITATION TO REST**

***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

Why are you here?

We want to follow Jesus and his Gospel.

Why are you here?

The sorrow and violence all around is too much.

Why are you here?

We see the loud, the bright, the earth shaking powers of the world and dare to doubt that God is in them.

Why are you here?

To learn to hear a silent sound. Thin and Sheer.

That is why we are here.

So, let's begin with worship.

***GATHERING HYMN**

#664

Morning Has broken

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

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Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison



Figure Under Alien Sky by Bruce Rolff

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

God of stillness,

We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes.

We come listening for God in resounding thunder.

We come expecting God in sweeping victories.

Yet Jesus came in a baby's touch.

Yet God spoke in sheer silence.

Yet we are sent to the least of these.

Save us, O God, from our aimless wandering.

Save us, O God, from our practical idols.

Save us, O God, from our self-induced chaos.

God, in your mercy,

Give us enough strength to be endure our own stillness and know that you are God.

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SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Hear the good news.

Like a mother pulls her child close
to whisper, "I love you".

God pulls us closer than we can know.

On every breath he says the same.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN**

#658

God Is So Good

***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.

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.....1 Kings 19:9-18

READING 2.....Matthew 14:22-33

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

SERMON.....“The Sound of Sheer Silence“

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION

Be Still My Soul

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 #462**

I Love To Tell The Story

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

***POSTLUDE**

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