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9:45 AM

Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King

by Darwall

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We look to the rulers of this earth

C: for leadership, wisdom, and strength.

L: We look to these bodies of ours

C: for stability, fulfillment, and joy.

L: We look to families and friends

C: for love, compassion, and hope.

L: When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families disappoint,

**C: God offers another look. God will guide us. God's Spirit will sustain us.
Christ will welcome us home.**

L: Come, my sisters and brothers, we are all God's family,

C: Let us praise God for welcoming us home again.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 436 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, Joseph M. Martin

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Piano



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

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pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us,
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

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bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

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for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our Guide,

C: like unruly children we strain at your guidance, we try to break away and do it ourselves. We feel our strength and imagine to be all powerful. We rejoice in our life and imagine ourselves to be immortal. We know our talents and want to be independent rather than depend on you. Before we know it we are in the grip of other powers, leading us away from your loving ways into the slavery of selfish greed, adoring false gods of youthfulness, materialism and power.

Lord, forgive us and free us. Open our eyes how your wisdom knows true leadership to be service. Open our hearts that we may learn that neither race or tribe, culture or religion are barriers to separate us but that we are all one family in your love.

So open our hearts and minds to learn again to live your love as we celebrate and worship you here together.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 524 NCH (vs. 1 & 2)

This Little Light of Mine

ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-20(CEB)

Mark 3:20-35(CEB)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (see next page)

All Creatures of Our God and King

All Creatures of Our God and King

Draper

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Piano

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
 2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O
 3. O ev' - ry - one of ten - der heart, for -
 4. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless and

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up your voice with us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 clouds that ride the winds a - loft: Oh, praise him! Al - le -
 - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Oh, praise him! Al - le -
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness. Oh, praise him! Al - le -

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- lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam and
 - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, O
 - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row bear, Praise
 - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

10 *Refrain*

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh
 lights of eve - ning find a voice.
 God and lay on him your care.
 praise the Spir - it, Three in One,

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praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

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- ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Today's prayers are responsive, each prayer petition will conclude:

L: Loving God, you hear our prayers.

C: You live among us.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

by Franz

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give Thanks

ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 76 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

by Elvey

References

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Katherine K. Davis

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Piano

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the

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people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O
tasks of our every-day life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in

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now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The
love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With

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seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching, shall blossom in
your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as

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action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall u-
one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanks -

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nite us to work for God's realm and to answer the call.
giv-ing give hon-or to Christ and that name which we bear.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Guest Worship Leader/Preacher—David Firestone

Welcome Team Members—Paula Strayer, Faye Heal, Vanessa Bicher

Liturgist—Brenda Beyer

Tech Team—George DeMers, Ron Miles, John Schriver

Tech Team—Jack Herlocker



