



May 5th, 2024

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “I Am in You”

Today we will begin our worship in music together as Beloved Community!

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

People: The word of life opens our ears.

Leader: The risen Christ shows us God’s own brokenness,

People: and by those wounds we are healed.

Let us worship!

*Opening Hymn #687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” vs. 1-3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to tell the truth about ourselves, forgive us and remind us of your mercy. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the courage to show mercy to others. When we are afraid to speak truth to power or to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice.

Embolden us, like Rahab, to choose to serve you, despite our fears.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of all our shortcomings; therefore, know that you are forgiven and go in peace.

**People: By the grace of God, we receive new life in Christ.
Alleluia! Amen.**

*Musical Response #447 “We Are Forgiven” (*sing twice*)

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Joshua 2:1-18, 21 and 6:22-25

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Unlikely Heroes and Heroines of the Bible: Rahab the Prostitute”

*Hymn #706 “Commit Your Way to God the Lord”

Time for Response to Sermon

Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn #2266 “Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine” (STF)

We will sing together as we go forward to receive the elements.

Prayer After Communion

Legacy Tithe Survey

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #700 “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*Benediction

Postlude “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” - reprise!

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;
Ruth M. Huff, Liturgist

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