



October 15th, 2023

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 “Morning Song”

arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 23)

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God’s goodness and mercy are always close.

*Opening Hymn #177 (GTG) “I Will Come to You”

Poem “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hand”

by Fred Kaan, 1989

Put peace into each other’s hands
and like a treasure hold it.

Protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other’s hands
with loving expectation.

Be gentle in your words and ways,
In touch with God’s creation.

Put peace into each other’s hands
like bread we break for sharing.

Look people warmly in the eye:
Our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands
Into a waiting cradle.

The gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

Put Christ into each other’s hands;
He is love’s deepest measure.

In love make peace, give peace a chance,
and share it like a treasure. 2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens and separates us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

People: **This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*Musical Response #701 (GTG) “Lord, Prepare Me”

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, 10-14; Jerimiah 31: 31-34; Matthew 21: 23-32

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Church: Called to Be...”

*Hymn #726 (GTG) “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Time for Response to the Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers**

The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #305 (GTG) "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*Benediction

Postlude "Great Is the Lord" Michael W. & Deborah D. Smith

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. Bill Sanders, Guest Preacher; **Heidi Thomas**, Interim Music Director;
Ryan Beach, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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Offering - *We collect the offering in the following ways:*

- 1. Leave your offerings and pledges in the offering plate at the entrance of the chapel;**
- 2. Make a one-time donation online through our website: calvarypresdenver.org;**
- 3. Set up a regular donation online through the website. Your financial generosity and gifts of time help make our ministry in the community vibrant!**