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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 21st, 2022, 10:00 am
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

The lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

*** Introit:** "Spirit of Life" VU #381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

With gladness we come to God today!
God is our refuge and our stronghold.

We feel the love and peace of God flow through this gathering.

We place our whole trust in God's immense compassion for us.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us celebrate the presence of God here and in our lives. Amen.

*** Hymn:** "Dance With the Spirit" MV #156

Dance with the Spirit
Early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit
Throughout the long day.
Work and hope for
The new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit
To show you the way.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** “When Hands Reach Out”

MV #136

When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one’s face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express
our prayer and praise and thankfulness
we thank you, God, that hands can sing;
you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love’s a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we’ll be
your able, strong community.

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 1:4–10 *The call of Jeremiah: “But I’m only a boy!”*

Luke 13:10–17 *Jesus heals the bent-over woman on the Sabbath*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **“We Shall Go Out with
Hope of Resurrection”**

Offered by Lisa Bishop and Luke Bishop

Message: Bent out of Shape

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “What Can I Do?” MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.
(Repeat x1)

*** Offertory Prayer:**

O God, we thank you for your generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept our offerings in all their forms, that they may prosper under your guidance. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

VU #651

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**