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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 10:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Touch Me, God's Spirit" x2
Touch me, God's Spirit eternal. Touch me, resplendent Light
Give my life new meaning, show me the true and right.

The lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

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

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Have you heard?

Something new is coming!

A different world than the one we know.

And we can help make it happen!

We can with support for one another, and praise to God...

for clear visions, fresh hope, and new beginnings.

We bring the hope of new possibilities into this day.

*** Hymn:** “This is the Day That God Has Made” VU #175

Refrain:

*This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!*

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

Opening Prayer

Holy Communion

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

*** The Lord's Prayer**

*** Hymn:** “Like a Healing Stream” MV #144

Like a healing stream
In a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing
Life to dusty earth,

God is trickling through our lives
As in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth...
Like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain
On a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come
To nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
To coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need...

Like a gentle rain.
Like a river strong
With a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on
To distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
In a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war...
Like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea
Reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love
Both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
To shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea,

Like a river strong,
Like a gentle rain,
Like a healing stream.

Scripture:

Isaiah 65:17-25 *God shall create joy; the wolf and the lamb together*
Luke 21:5-19 *Persecution in the days to come; trust God!*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

Offered by Steeple Strummers

Message: **Doing a New Thing**

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "I See a New Heaven"

VU #713

Refrain:

*I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

There, there where death dies and our lives are born
again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. **R**

There, there where the darkness brings visions from
above.

There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. **R**

There, there where we work with the love of healing
hands.

Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” VU #543 vs.1

We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Holy God, your love never ceases and your mercies
never end. With our offerings of time, talent, and
treasure, we also offer our gifts of understanding,**

compassion, and acceptance to one another and to the joy and healing of our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Through Ancient Walls” VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

*Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!*

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. **R**

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! **R**

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! **R**

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!**

*** Hymn** You Shall Go Out With Joy VU #884
Accompanied by Steeple Strummers