#### WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

July 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.

<u>Please take note</u>: There will be no congregational singing and no unison readings during the service. All music will be provided by the Music Director and soloists, and readings will be done by the Pastor and Deacon.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

The Family Room at the rear of the sanctuary is available for anyone experiencing difficulty worshipping in the sanctuary.

INTROIT "Gather Us In" Dale Magnuson

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh God, you have spoken to us through Prophets. We open our ears to hear.

Oh God, you have spoken to us through Teachers. We open our minds to understand.

Oh God, you have spoken to us through Caregivers. We open our hearts to feel.

Oh God, you have spoken to us throughout the Ages. Let us come to worship and hear these words anew.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, you have sent us prophets, and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best, or made way for your reign in our lives, in our churches, in our society.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant with us, for the sake of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

# \*If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, I am confident that if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began good work is us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the presence of joy and peace, we embrace the new freedom found in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (read by Deacon)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:33-48

SERMON "I Have Spoken"

HYMN "God's Loving Kingdom" Dale Magnuson

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"We Are Yours, O Lord"

Kim Kuda

#### **DELIGHTING IN GIVING**

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offering of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire that they may serve your purpose and shine with your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
UCC Statement of Faith
Communion Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup (non-alcoholic)
Hymn "Table of Plenty"

Kim Kuda

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for nourishing us at this, your table. We thank you for the cloud of witnesses with whom we have gathered, and with whom we continue to gather. We thank you for the grace you have shown, and for the healing mercy you have given. We thank you that in these simple elements, you have shown us the path to deeper fellowship with you and each other. May we never take this holy moment for granted. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Andrew Foster

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell SOLOISTS - Kim Kuda, Dale Magnuson, Andrew Foster



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