

Worship Bulletin  
August 23, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Noah McMillan

PRELUDE

"I Surrender All"

Lyndell Leatherman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, lift up your hearts to the Lord!

*To You, O Lord, we lift up our hearts! In you we trust!*

Our God is full of compassionate love.

Our Savior brings sinners back to His way,

and teaches the humble the way they should go.

*Show us the right path, O Lord; point out the way for us to follow.*

*Lead us by Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God who saves.*

*We put our hope in You!*

HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

*This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ear,*

*All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought*

*Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;*

*The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair:*

*In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget*

*That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:*

*Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heav'n be one.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God,*

*you love us, but we have not loved you;*

*you call, but we have not listened.*

*We make commitments to you, but are weak and do not follow through.*

*We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.  
We are hesitant to confront evil, divisiveness, and racism.*

*Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,  
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,  
we may turn away from our pride and prejudice,  
and instead, turn to you, and receive mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, bless the Lord with me! For the Lord is like a father to his children,  
compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

*He forgives our sins, and heals the sickness inside us;  
he surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives with good things!*  
Thanks be to God; we are forgiven people!  
*Hallelujah!*

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

### ANTHEM

“If You Search With All Your Heart”

C. Courtney

Phyllis Wine, soloist

*When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. (repeat)*

*When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.*

*For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.*

*For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.*

*I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.*

*I will bring you out of bondage,*

*I will bring you home to me.*

*For I know the plans I have for you; plans of welfare, not of evil.*

*For I know the plans I have for you; plans of hope and a future.*

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### SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:8-2:10 & Psalm 124

### SERMON

“Good Trouble”

Rev. Collin Adams

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus  
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and*

*buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

*We are, each of us, the handiwork of God.*

*We are precious, loved and gifted by our Maker.*

*We will walk forward into this week remembering that our gifts are meant to be used to serve the God who made us. We will look for opportunities to give, to love, and to stretch ourselves past our comfort zones.*

*We will walk with thanksgiving, remembering that we are free from sin, and, though the way is not easy, we do not walk alone. Our Savior is ever present to guide and empower us.*

*We go forward from this place as the church, seeking to fulfill Christ's call to be a light of love to the world around us.*

### **HYMN 767**

*"Together We Serve"*

Verse 1, 2 and 4

*Together we serve, united by love,  
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy  
Extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*Together by grace, we witness and work,  
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
Remembering love is the strength of our song.*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Rondeau"*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier/arr. Ryan