

**Worship Bulletin**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Ernie Vogel

**PRELUDE**

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Tom Birchwood

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 149*

Sing a new song to the Lord; Let God’s faithful people join in praising the Lord!

*Be glad because of your Creator. Rejoice, people of God, because of your king!*

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people. He honors the humble with victory.

*So let God’s people rejoice in their triumph and sing joyfully all night long!*

**HYMN 641**

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

*Verses 1, 2 and 5*

*When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Like the Israelites in Babylon, we find ourselves in a strange land. We want to sing songs of praise; songs of freedom; songs of joy. But right now a song of lament is often all we can offer.*

*Forgive us, Lord, when our song of sadness becomes a song of complaining. Forgive us when we are so consumed by our own burdens that we neglect helping our neighbor. There is so much illness. There is so much concern. But you are with us, walking beside us. You have not given up on us, and we must not give up on you.*

*May we remember our Savior Christ who, in his hour of deepest fear and darkness, turned to you for strength and help.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit of Christ sighs with us and cries with us, listening to whatever song we can sing. God knows our hearts and our need for forgiveness.

In spite of our failings and our fears, God loves us with a never-ending love!

*Let the good news of forgiveness and mercy give us hope. May the peace of Christ be our comfort at all times! We are forgiven and loved!*

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Collin Adams

### ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Marshall Thomason

*Commissioned in 2010 by the WRPC Chancel Choir*

*in honor of Julie Vogel’s 25 years of service.*

*Presented in Worship on March 27, 2011 with Marshall Thomason conducting.*

*What wondrous love is this O my soul! What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down ‘neath God’s righteous frown,*

*Christ laid aside his crown for my soul*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb*

*Who is the great “I Am.” While millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on,*

*And when from death I’m free I’ll sing and joyful be.*

*And through eternity I’ll sing on!*

### SCRIPTURES

Zephaniah 3:14-18a & Proverbs 3:1-4

### SERMON

“Sing It!”

Julie Vogel

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We are not alone. We live in God’s world.*

*We believe in God:*

*who has created and is creating,*

*who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new.*

*who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the church:*

*to celebrate God’s presence,*

*to love and serve others,*

*to seek justice and resist evil,*

*to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Susan Lodal

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Creator God, you have made all that there is. You have made us and all that we have. May the time and money we give for your purposes be a reminder to us that we are yours. There is no greater joy than serving you. There is no greater peace than knowing that, whoever we are, however we are, you receive us with open arms of love. Amen.*

### **HYMN 765**

*"Song of Hope"*

arr. Tom Mitchell

*Words differ from those in our hymnal.*

*John Gilmer, Noah McMillan, Julie Vogel*

*May the God of hope go with us every day  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace, Sing, share our joy with all.  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

*God will be our shepherd as we go our way,  
And will not forsake us when we go astray,  
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,  
We must not forget that God is always there.*

*Praying, let us work for peace, Sing, share our joy with all.  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

### **BENEDICTION**

*"Go Now In Peace"*

Don Besig

*Julie Vogel and Susan Whipple*

*Enjoy the pictures and memories from the past thirty-five years of music ministry.*

*Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now love and show you believe; reach out to others so all the world can see.*

*God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Amen.*

### **POSTLUDE**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Tom Birchwood