

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
August 18, 2019 9:30 AM

Preparing to Worship

PRELUDE Come to the Waters Behnke

THREE CHIMES (honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Rebekah Skweres

INVOCATION (unison) Rebekah Skweres
Eternal God, Consuming Fire, you continue to bless us with your Spirit. Breathe in us your word, your love, your truth. Fill us with the longing to live your uncontainable word of love in a broken and wounded world, that we may rest in you.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (unison) Rebekah Skweres
Leader: We gather together to ask God for blessing in this time and place. We praise God's holy name! We lift our voices, we humble our hearts, and we know again that we are God's.
All: We are God's people! We sing praises that we are together today as one!

***OPENING HYMN** Holy God, We Praise Your Name #4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Rev. Linda Ruby
Leader: We humble ourselves as we look in the mirror.
People: And we see ourselves as we truly are.
Leader: Yet we ask for God's grace rather than what we deserve.
People: So that we might live again in health and wholeness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Linda Ruby
God wants us to be whole and grants us the grace of forgiveness over and over. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** #581

YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hearing The Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby

Test the Spirits

Scripture 1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Responding to The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Organ Offertory All Glory Be to God on High arr. Miller
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication

Leaving as Christ's Servants

***CLOSING HYMN** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven #619

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** #748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Onward Christian Soldiers arr. Ashford

*You may stand if you are able.

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