

A Service for the Worship of God September 12, 2021

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude | #388 Come All You People

Welcome and Announcements
The Lord Be with You. And Also with You.

A Word from the Stewardship Committee

*Call to Worship

God sends light to us this day and invites us to meet one another in this light.

Light breaks forth like the dawn, drawing us into relationship with one another.

Humble yourselves for the worship of God, that you may be empowered to serve.

God calls us to trust with steady hearts and to serve with righteous compassion.

Seek not for lofty words of wisdom, but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.

God makes us to be the salt of the earth and lights to show God's works in the world.

*Opening Song | Our God Saves

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the Good News in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive us. Strengthen us anew to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God! Our sin cannot break our connection to God. There is no distance, no place, too far for God's grace to reach us. **Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.**

*Music Response

*Passing of the Peace

Peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

Time at the Table

Prayer for Illumination

God of all possibilities, you bring a new day, and you promise to journey with us through the hours. May our attention to you this morning bring forth new understandings, healing, and peace. Amen.

Scripture | Acts 8:26-40 Holy Wisdom. **Holy Word.**

Message | Companions

Anthem | "Revive Us Again"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

With hope and trust we look toward the future. We are given confidence in the knowledge that we have you as our companion on the way. Make of us loving companions to all those we meet that through us they may know your presence in their lives. Now, O God, take these gifts we offer that they may serve as witness to others of your grace. Amen.

Presentation by the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee

Call to Prayer | Good To Me

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song | #300 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

*Charge & Benediction

*Congregational Response | Revive Us Again

Postlude