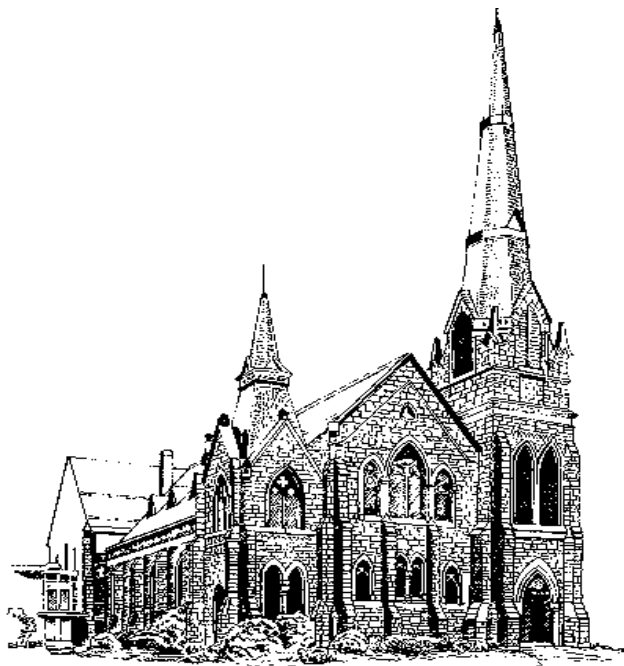


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

*Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:00 am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

REFLECTION

"By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as the new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists ... Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*OPENING SONG

"Come As You Are"

By: David Crowder

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

**Chorus: So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart**

Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

Chorus

Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

Chorus

Come as you are

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*SONGS

“Called Me Higher”

By: All Sons & Daughters

I could just sit
I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness
Hope to feel Your presence

And I could just stay
I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You
Hope to feel something again

And I could hold on
I could hold on to who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside

And I could be safe, oh
I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home
Never let these walls down

**Chorus: But You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You lead me Lord
Where You lead me
Where You lead me Lord**

And I could hold on
I could hold on to who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside

And I could be safe, oh
I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home
Never let these walls down

Chorus

And I will be Yours, oh
I will be Yours for all my life
And I will be Yours, oh
I will be Yours for all my life
And I will be Yours, oh
I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy
Oh, and I will be Yours, Lord
And I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy light the path before me

Chorus REPEAT 2X

*SPECIAL SONG

“Worn”

By: Tenth Avenue North

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8

Page, 545, OT
Page, 151, NT

SERMON

"Are we conforming or transforming?"

Bonnie Chiappetta

*SONG

"Resurrection Power"

By: Chris Tomlin

You called me from the grave by name
You called me out of all my shame
I see the old has passed away
The new has come

Chorus: Now I have resurrection power living on the inside
Jesus, You have given us freedom
No longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom

That I'm dressed in Your royalty
Your Holy Spirit lives in me
And I see my past has been redeemed
The new has come

Chorus

Freedom, You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom, my chains are gone
Freedom, You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom, hallelujah *REPEAT 2X*

Chorus *REPEAT 2X*

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

*CLOSING SONG

"Blessed Assurance (My King Is Coming) "

By: Matthew West

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His spirit, washed in his Blood

This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long
This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love

This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long
This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long

My King is coming soon
He will roll the clouds away
Light of Heaven bursting through
Oh what a glorious day!
Yes, my King is coming soon
He will roll the clouds away
Light of Heaven bursting through
And until that glorious day

This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long
This is my story
This is my song
Praising my Savior
All the day long

*BENEDICTION

*Please rise in the body or spirit

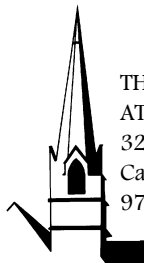
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