



Sunday Worship
January 5, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World



Garden Gate by Michael Leunig

Preparation for Worship

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And [God] led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

— Minnie Louise Haskins.

Excerpt from a poem written in 1908 and privately published in 1912.
It became widely known when King George VI quoted it in his 1939
Christmas broadcast to the British Empire.

Prelude

Sean Cator

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God's Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Praise Song

Forever

Praise Band

Call to Worship

One: Come and worship, all you who love and serve our God.

Many: God surrounds us with unfailing love, and answers us when we call;

One: God cares for the humble and lowly, and never abandons those in need.

Many: Let us join our hearts in the worship of God

† Hymn #401

Here in this Place

† Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the call to life lived fully now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to call us to new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls we build in our lives and in our relationships. Forgive us, restore us and renew us.

In your name, we pray. Amen.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting.
As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed
our transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we
are all forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

† Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Kumbaya

arr. Sjolund

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson Job 4:8; Hosea 10:12; Galatians 6:7-10

† Hymn #714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon *Sow What?* Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *What a Beautiful Name* Praise Band

† Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn #531 *Seed, Scattered and Sown*

Prayer

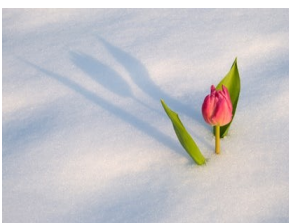
We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #772 *Live into Hope*

† Benediction

Postlude Sean Cator

We are happy to welcome Sean Cator back as our interim pianist.



The flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God.

Your greeters today were Mike and Jenell Phillips.

Poinsettias are in Wester Hall, free to take home! If you would like to dedicate flowers in 2020, please sign up in the Narthex.



IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m., from 2nd Sunday in September to the 3rd Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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