

May 21, 2023

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE Kathy Morrow

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

\*HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the house of God. Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's presence.

**People: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.**

Leader: Here in our lives, there should be no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.

**People: We are here to worship God who unites us, loves us and calls us to love one another.**

Leader: Lord God, thank you for calling us to glorify and honor you today.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. [ . . . silent, personal confessions . . . ] Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

A RESOLUTE STORY Kerry Stamp

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN #338 "Kum ba Yah" Sanctuary Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Resolute No Matter What: Redemption"  
Scripture: Ruth 4:1-12

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "I Saw the Light"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Kathy Morrow

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THIS MORNING WE ARE  
RECOGNIZING AND  
HONORING OUR 2023 HIGH  
SCHOOL GRADUATES.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
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FARRER, ADDISON  
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PAYTON VERMEER.

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