

April 23, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

HYMN #315 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens that are so heavy.

People: Jesus will give us rest.

Leader: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

People: Christ is our peace and helps us live in peace.

Leader: Come, all who know the joy of faith in Christ Jesus.

People: Christ has richly blessed us.

Leader: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus,

People: For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God!

All: Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we hear the call to trust in you always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than you, and trust is elusive. We remember how Abram dared to trust in you and believe your promises, but belief like that is sometimes hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on your Word. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to rely only on our own means, forgetting that sometimes we get things right and sometimes we get things so wrong. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess in silence our personal frailty and failings. [. . . silent prayers . . .] In the face of all our

challenges, O God, keep us close and help us to walk in your ways today and every day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Sanctuary Choir

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Resolute No Matter What: There Was a Famine"
Scripture: Ruth 1:1-5

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "He Keeps Sending Me Angels"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

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- Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell at <http://rev-o-lution.org>
- Moira Laidlaw, and posted on her Liturgies Online website the

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- Rev Abi's Long and Winding Road blog.
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