

August 13, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

HYMN# 281 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All heaven will praise the Lord's great wonders! Myriads of angels praise God for his faithfulness.

**People: For who in all of heaven can compare with the Lord?
What mightiest angel is anything like the Lord?**

Leader: The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God. The Lord is far more awesome than all who surround the throne of God.

People: O Lord God of Heaven's Armies, where is there anyone as mighty as you? You are entirely faithful!

All: We join our hearts, minds, souls and voices to worship you now, O God of all creation!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you call us to be your voices in this world, and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world, and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. [. . . silent personal confession . . .] Breathe life that comes from you into our bones. Bring the freedom that only comes from you into our lives. Do this, we pray, so we will declare with heart and soul and voice: you are our Lord and our God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "The Sermon on the Mount"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Life to the Full: A Particular Way"
Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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MUSIC Instrumental

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- John Birch posted on Faith and Worship
- *Our Help Comes from the Lord: Psalm 121*, posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

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Congregation Meets to Elect our PNC!

The Session is overjoyed to call a meeting of the congregation at the end of worship on Sunday, August 20, for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the congregational Nominating Committee. This report will be a slate of nine people being placed in nomination to be elected as our Pastor Nominating Committee to conduct the search for our next installed pastor. Plan to be with us in person for this important moment in the life of our church. The meeting will also be part of our morning worship simulcast, and we will provide a way to text in questions, comments and your vote for those joining in remotely. Those being placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee are Sheree Fleming, Alex Huck, Jeff Layman, Don MacLachlan, Becky McCaulley, Patrick Scanlan, Kerry Stamp, Erik Williams and Beth Willner.

The meeting will include the background and rationale for the nominations, questions and discussion as needed, and the opportunity for other nominations. In order to keep a balanced committee as best we can, other nominations must be made naming a particular person to be replaced by the comparable new nominee. Anyone placing a name in nomination must have that person's permission and that person should fit the qualifications of the person to be replaced pertaining to life stage, age, gender and investments/knowledge of our ministry and mission in addition to all the qualifications set out by the PNC.