

Communion Sunday

May 7, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

*HYMN #280 "Amazing Grace"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let's shout with joy to the Lord, everyone! We've come to worship the Lord with gladness, singing with joy!

People: We acknowledge that the Lord is God who made us. We are here as God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: We have entered this time of worship with thanksgiving and praise!

People: The Lord is good. God's unfailing love continues now and forever!

Leader: God's faithfulness continues to us and all generations! Let's worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we often do not do what you tell us to do. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We can be lazy, timid and heartless in ways that turn others away from you and your love. We offer our own private confessions to you in silence . . . [silent prayers] . . . Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us, and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Pilgrim" Kathy Morrow & Jennifer

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MINISTRY UPDATE

Laura Smith

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Resolute No Matter What: The Bottom of the Barrel"
Scripture: Ruth 2:1-23

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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MUSIC "Watermark" Kathy Morrow

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

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