

Welcome to Worship! | October 9, 2022

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude Ruhig bewegt from Sonate II

Paul Hindemith

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; **People: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord; great is your faithfulness.**

*Unison Gathering Prayer

We pray to you, O God: be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted, have mercy on the lowly, raise up the fallen, help the needy, humble the proud, return the lost, feed the hungry, release the captive, heal the sick, revive the weak, and comfort those in fear. All this we ask for the sake of the world you love, and in the name of the one you sent to save us: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clement of Rome, c. 35 - 99 AD, first Bishop of Rome

*Hymn No. 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Unison Prayer of Confession

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you. Amen.

Martin Luther, Reformer, 1483-1546

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response No. 581 Glory Be to the Father

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WORD

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:10

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Sermon: "Chaos and Cats" - special messages from SACPC staff

*Hymn No. 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory In This Very Room

arr. Ron and Carol Harris

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn No. 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*Blessing

*Dismissal We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God,

Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us. Go in Peace!

Postlude Toccata in C Johann Pachelbel

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Worship Leaders

Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Choir Lay Reader, Carol Query

The flowers in the Sanctuary

Are given to the glory of God and in memory of Preston Cumming Oliver by the Oliver family.