

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Rain Down* Jamie Cortez
Hymn #48

*PRAISE HYMN 711 "Lord of All Good" TOULON
(verse 1) **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE
(verse 2) **Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*POSTLUDE *Held* arr., Melody Bober

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VOCALISTS: Rich Reaves, Warren Combs & Paula Zimdars

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Jerry Shannon



September 11, 2022

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green 14th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *In Memory/We Are His People* arr., Jeanne Cotter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *God of the Ages, History's Maker* arr., Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us bow before our Creator,
whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.
Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 634 "To God Be the Glory" Fanny Crosby/William Doane

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there—ransack, renovate, redecorate!

Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design.

The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness.

Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 587 "Alleluia!" CELTIC ALLELUIA

(SINGING TWICE)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING I Timothy 1: 12-17

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38: 1-11

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED