WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

All: Lord, send us out into your harvest.

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;

All: it grows into a great plant with many branches.

Leader: We have been crucified with Christ;

All: now it is Christ who lives in us.

OPENING VOLUNTARY                      “Sweet Hour of Prayer”                                                 Dale Wood (1934-2003)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #12                                                                 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”                      ST. DENIO
(stanzas 1,2,4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION                    Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves and receive forgiveness. O Lord, hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DUET                                                                 Ed Cash

“Peace”                                                                 Stephanie Carson and Emily Cantin

When my mind is like a battlefield and my heart is overcome by fear,
And hope seems like a ship that’s lost at sea.
My enemies on every side and I’m tempted to run and hide.
Your gentle whisper reaches out to me.
Refrain: Peace, holds me when I’m broken.
   Sweet peace that passes understanding.
   When the whole wide world is crashing down, I fall to my knees,
   And breathe in Your peace.

Fiery arrows whistling, the terror of the night sets in,
But I can feel Your angels all around.
I am resting underneath the shelter of Your mighty wings.
Your promises are where my hope is found. (Refrain)

I remember who You are. You’re the God who’s never far.
So I will not be afraid. God, You always keep me safe in Your arms.
I remember who You are. You’re the God who’s never, ever far.
So I will not be afraid. God, You always, You always keep me safe. (Refrain)

I breathe You, I breathe You in.
Take a deep breath and be still and know that You are God alone.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #471
   “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”
(sing three times)
   O Lord, hear my prayer: O Lord, hear my prayer.
   When I call, answer me.
   O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
   Come and listen to me.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
   2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES
   #1 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer, Transform Me!”
   Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN
   “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

--William Walford, 1845, Public domain
BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“From God I Ne’er Will Turn Me” Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
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In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

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O Lord, hear my prayer. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

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