

**\* We invite you to stand as you are able**

**INTROIT\*** "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" The Faith We Sing #2271

### **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We invite all to participate by signing the attendance pad located in each pew. If you are a guest and visiting with us – we are glad you are here.*

### **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL\***

**All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

One: We gather this day to worship!

**All: But we bring with us heavy burdens which weigh us down.**

One: We gather this day to praise God!

**All: But our hearts ache inside us and we feel we can go no further.**

One: Come all who are burdened and who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.

**All: Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits. Amen.**

### **OPENING PRAYER\***

**All: Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

**HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" Red Hymnal #98

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (CEB)  
"To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

"My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

One: Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** "Caution What You Carry" Pastor Anne Kadue

**HYMN** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" Red Hymnal #348 vs 1,2,4

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All: God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved. Your yoke doesn't burden us, but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Amen.**

**OFFERING & HYMN** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Red Hymnal #402

### **DOXOLOGY\***

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God, above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SENDING & CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION\***

**All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

**CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS**

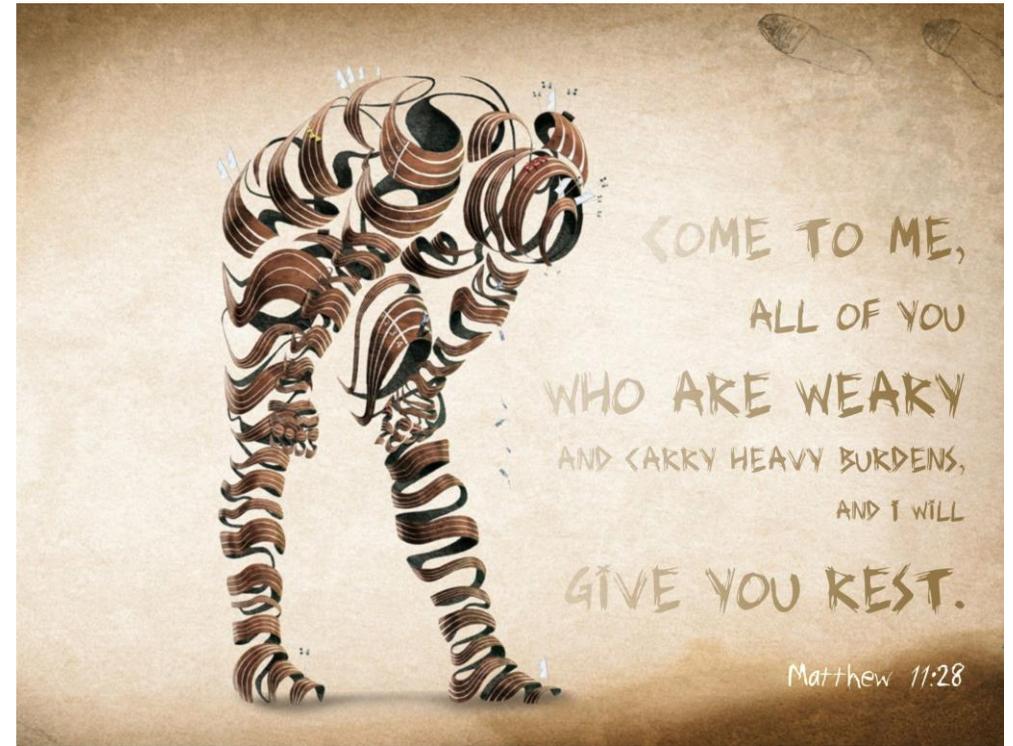
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*You are loved.* 

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