

*** 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: Welcome to this community of faith!

All: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.

One: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

All: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.

One: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

All: Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is often challenging and hurtful at times. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of conflict. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

HYMN “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian” Black Hymnal #454

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7;15-19 (CEB)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I

love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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

MESSAGE “6 and One Half” Pastor Anne Kadue

HYMN “I Come with Joy” Black Hymnal #349

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 love and compassion, we ask you to dedicate the tithes and offerings we bring to worship. We do this in the hope that you will do more with them than we could ever do on our own to heal the brokenness and division in our world. Remind us that the work of reconciliation does not get removed from our list because we put something in the offering and that mission field is within our arms’ reach. This we pray in the redeemer’s holy name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OFFERING & HYMN

“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”
Black Hymnal #17 vs 1-4

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.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

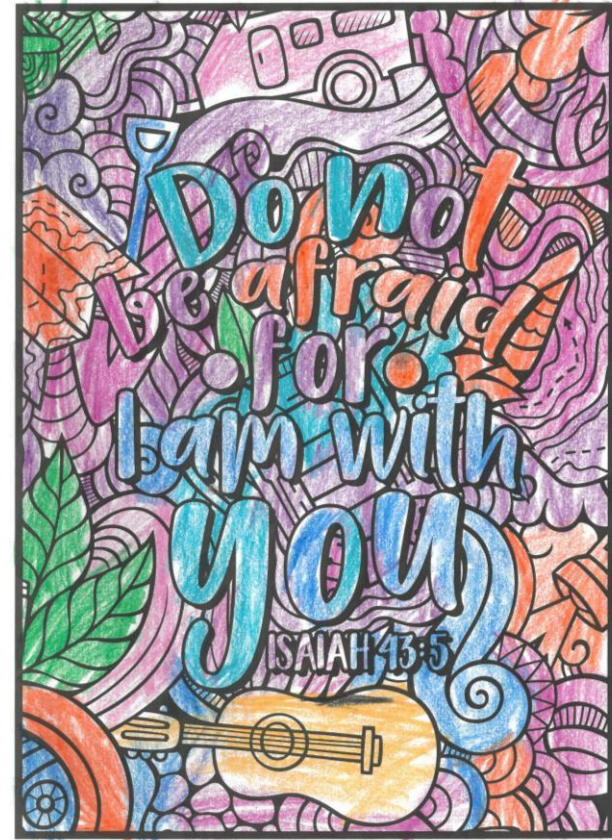
SENDING & CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION*

**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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