

September 22, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Deep inside us all – old and young alike –

People: There is a place of faith.

Leader: A place of trust and hope and love.

People: Without which there can be no peace.

Leader: Jesus said, “Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

People: For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader: Hear then, O people of God: approach this hour as children of the Almighty,

People: With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,

Leader: And with love that is easy and quick. Amen.

***Hymn #22:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

*Passing the Peace

Scripture:

Mark 8:27-38

Rick Ransom

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

*Unison Prayer

Eternal Creator and Redeemer of all, we praise your name above all others, giving you thanks for the gifts of life and love. Though we were born children of earth, you have taken us up in your arms and made us children of heaven. Let your spark of divine love glow within us once more, that through our lives others will come to know your grace, power, and love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Sermon: “Messy Discipleship”

***Hymn #533:** “Children of God”

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the gifts we receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for your work in the world. May they be a blessing and gift in our extended community and for all. Amen.

***Hymn #539: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**