

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
August 12, 2018 9:30 AM

Preparing to Worship

PRELUDE Liturgical Prelude Oldroyd

THREE CHIMES (honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Marie Sandridge

INVOCATION (unison) Marie Sandridge
God, in mystery and silence you we thank you that you are present in our lives, meeting our needs before we speak them. Open our hearts to know that you will never leave us alone. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy of being your people. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE** #743
O God, You Are My God

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Marie Sandridge
Leader: A new day is dawning; new life is upon us;
People: The Spirit refreshes us, invites us to live!
Leader: Hope brings us purpose, worship brings us connection;
People: The Spirit refreshes us, invites us to live!

***OPENING HYMN** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #353

CONGREGATIONAL UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Help us, loving God, to understand what true confession is: acknowledging that we stumble as we try to live the life you call us to. Some of the stumbling is caused by our own willfulness to do it our way. Sometimes we are so focused on self that we cannot see you or others around us. Sometimes we willfully turn in the wrong direction. Pick us up, O God, repair our relationships, refocus us, and give us energy and hope for the life to which you call us. In the name of the Risen Savior. Amen.

(Silence for self-reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Linda Ruby
God's work of forgiveness is cleansing, refocusing and life-giving. All of this has been promised to us in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. All of this is ours today!

***GLORIA PATRI** #581

YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hearing The Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby
Hope Is More than Wishful Thinking

Scripture *Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Responding to The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Organ Offertory Let all Things Now Living
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Arr. Grove
#606

Leaving as Christ's Servants

*CLOSING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-4)

#687

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE

Onward Christian Soldiers

Arr. Asford

*You may stand if you are able.

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