

Order of Worship August 6, 2017

*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call To Worship

Leader: I am the earth, the air and the waters. We have no voice.

People: **I will speak for you.**

Leader: I am the redwood, the polar bear and the great blue whale. We have no voice.

People: **I will speak for you.**

Leader: I am the poor, the homeless and the orphan.

People: **I will speak for you.**

Leader: I am the very young, the very old and the disenfranchised.

People: **I will speak for you.**

Leader: I am a minority because of my size, shape or color; the language I speak, my sexual orientation or physical ability.

People: **I will speak for you.**

Leader: I am alone.

All: **You are not. Take my hand. We help each other out of common humanity. We help each other in the hope others will help us, when we become weak or frail. We help each other out of respect for the divine spark that burns within each of us.**

*Hymn #444 We Are Often Tossed and Driven

Opening Prayer

We ask your blessing, healing God, for your beloved children who are ill, experiencing loss, facing grief or in some other struggle. Guide the hands, the hearts, the wisdom of doctors and nurses. Wrap family, friends and loved ones with compassion and courage. Shelter your loved ones with strength and comfort. Surround these children with your love and peace that passes all understanding. May your blessings be seen and felt in the midst of these struggling times. You are the Creator, the Healer, the Comforter, the Source of love. Amen.

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:8-10; Psalm 31

Special Music Until Then Amanda Hofmann-Smith

Sermon The Blessings in Struggling Times

*Song Bless to Me

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Holy Now Beth Astarte



*Sing! #66

**Help me do the justice to be done today,
Help me love kindness in all I do and say,
Let me walk humbly with you, O God I pray,
Every step of the way, every step of the way.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Bless this offering, O God! Accept it as one way of expressing our thanks to You. Dedicate it to the mission of Jesus who showed us the power of Your love in the ordinary and extraordinary dimensions of human life. Through Christ's name and spirit we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- ◇ We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays this Week

Wendell Pike 08/08
Amy Mitchell 08/09
Geoffrey Thoma 08/12
Emery Boisvert 08/12

Today's Worship Leaders

Today's Worship Leaders—Beth Astarte, Rev. Jean Doane
Reader—Jim Butler, Rich Galvan
Ushers—Jim Butler (Head), Nikki Smith, Monique Manley, Rich Galvan
Flowers—Paige Unangst
Coffee—Julie Fairman
Food—Nikki and Monique Manley-Smith
Open and Close—Mark Hoops
Sound—Robert Keniston, Zack Dawley
Nursery—Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman
Gospel Express—Pam Schlueter, Carolyn Rundorff, Nancy Macpherson, Rich Galvan,
Mitch Galvan

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