

“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.”
~ *Martin Luther*

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

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LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Gather Us In* *M.Haugen/arr. J.Cotter*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *Live in Charity* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Psalm 42)*

- L: As a deer pants for a flowing stream, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God. When can I come and stand before you?
- P: **Day and night I struggle, I long for your presence, while others taunt me. “Where is this God of yours?”**
- L: Take courage, my soul! Do you remember those days of great procession to the temple, singing with joy, praising the Lord? Why then should I be discouraged and sad?
- P: **My hope is in you, O God! Day by day you pour out your steadfast love upon me, and through the night I will sing and pray to you, O God who gives me life.**

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness* *R217*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READINGS Hebrews 12:1-3
 Kindness (Naomi Shihab Nye)

HYMN *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* *B583*

REFLECTION Cloud of Witnesses

ANTHEM *Hope* *E.Dickinson/D.Scroggins*
You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Medima*
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...
P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation*

*DOXOLOGY *B778 (tune: B780: Bourgeois, 1551)*
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 THANKS AND DEDICATION

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *O For a World* *B575*

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN *(sevenfold)* *R594*

POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine* *H.D.Loes/arr. M.Hayes*

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Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Guest Preacher: **Margaret Hawthorn**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Worship Leader: **Larry Upton**
Greeter: **Linda Grant**
Ushers: **Lisa Giragosian and Susan Peterson**
Setup: **Lisa Giragosian**
Flowers: **Marianne Rothnie**

*Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following our worship service
for coffee and conversation.*

*The image on the cover of the bulletin is a traditional icon of Sophia (wisdom)
with her three daughters, faith, hope and love.*

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