

“We shake with joy; we shake with grief. What a time they have, these two, housed as they are in the same body.” Mary Oliver

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

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LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *We Gather Together* *arr. J.Fink*
Prelude On Canterbury *O.Gibbons/arr.S.Scott*

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 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Isaiah 55:1-3)*

- L: We gather in this place to find the extraordinary in the ordinary.
- P: **Seeking community in the togetherness of ordinary people.**
- L: Listening for the voice of the Divine in common words.
- P: **Searching for grace amidst everyday happenings.**
- L: For whenever we gather to practice God’s love
- P: **The extraordinary is bound to unfold.**

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN *Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers* *B397*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

Faithful God, we come together with gratitude for all the ways and times we experience your presence with us, your love for us, your peace surrounding us. In times of change and transition, open our ears to hear your still speaking voice, our eyes to ways we can faithfully serve you, our hearts to your presence in one another. Bless us now, we pray, in this time of worship, and empower us to carry your word of grace and love into this world that has such great need of it. We ask all this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray together, saying, “Our Father...(trespasses). Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 20-23, 32-49

HYMN *For the Beauty of The Earth* *R66*

REFLECTION Facing Giants

ANTHEM *My Lord, What A Mornin’* *arr.R.Robinson*

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *W.Runyon/arr.F.Bock*

*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.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* R29

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN (sevenfold)** R594

POSTLUDE

Ministers: The People

Guest Pastor: Rev. Gordon Rankin

Minister of Music: Gene Faxon

Worship Leader: Lisa Bostnar

Greeter: Lisa Bostnar and Steve Jackson

Ushers: Pam Hill and Sam Greene

Setup: **Sam Greene and Jim Rothnie**

Flowers: **Miki Osgood**

Please remain in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Coffee will be brought in and Rev. Rankin will be available for a brief question and answer session.

The art on the bulletin cover is Rembrandt's image of David and Goliath.

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