

“You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” -Mark 10:42 NRSV

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

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G* *J.S.Bach*

WELCOME to ALL!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *All Are Welcome!* *M.Haugen*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thank you for joining with me here is this place of worship!
All: Thank you for joining us!
One: We come seeking each to know the will of each,
All: and all of us to seek to know the will of God.
One: In this time together, may we be clear in our discernment,
All: and clear in our in our intentions toward each other.
One: May we remember today, and every day,
All: that it is in service to each other that we express our faith,
One: and that Love is an action verb, and not just a sentiment. Let us worship together!
ALL: Here and now, let us praise God with joyful hearts!

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN *Praise To The Living God* *B8*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

God our Creator, our Sustainer, and our Redeemer, we pray. We pray that you provide us with ample strength for our discernment of Your will. We pray that you grant us the wisdom to recognize the ways in which Your Creation tends towards justice, peace, compassion, and love. We pray for the resilience to withstand the pains and difficulties of this world: the inevitable pain of growth; the injustices perpetuated by humanity; the lament that we suffer with every earthly loss. We ask all this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray together, saying, “Our Father...”

LET US LISTEN

READING *Isaiah 55:6-11*
 Mark 8:31-33

REFLECTION *“Download Commencing”*

ANTHEM *Behold, How Good* *M.J. Trotta*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns *Medema*
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 *from “Five Pieces”* *O.Gjeilo*

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)**
God, all that we have has come from You. Now we give of what we have to Your church, and to this gathering of Your people, that we may continue to show Your love to the world, that we may forward the cause of Your justice, and that we may work together to build Your realm here with You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

LET US GO FORTH

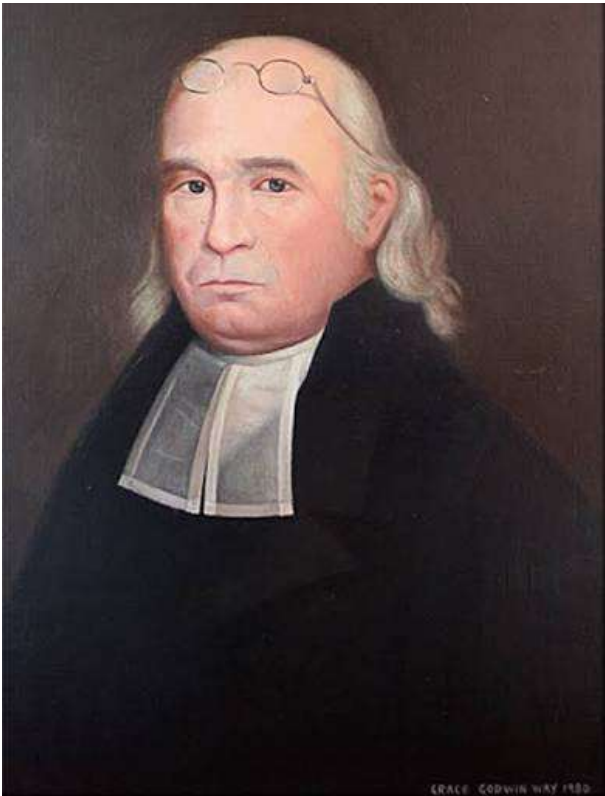
- *HYMN** *In The Midst Of New Dimensions* *B391*
- *BENEDICTION**
- *SEVEN-FOLD AMEN** *B814*
- POSTLUDE** *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* *L.Smith*

- Ministers:** **The People**
- Guest Preacher:** **Mark Harris**
- Minister of Music:** **Gene Faxon**
- Worship Leader:** **Nancy Elder-Wilfrid**
- Greeters:** **Ben and Ann Wheeler**
- Flowers:** **John and Susan Hughes in memory of
Gareth C. Hughes**
- Setup:** **Susan Peterson**

The congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship, then followed by refreshments in the Parish House and a celebration of August birthdays.

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