

ORDER OF SERVICE
July 23, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Where can we go from your spirit?
Where can we flee that is outside your love?
If we climb to the sky, you're there! If we
hide in the darkest pits, you find us! No
matter where we go, no matter what we
do... You are already there waiting. We
come in response to your unconditional love.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE: VU260
God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

OPENING PRAYER

L: Creator, lover, and tender of all things,
in you we live and move and have our being;
You alone have been our help and our guide,
you alone are our strength, and you alone
will be our rest and our welcome.
We turn to you as the source of life; in your
depths we find wisdom, in your heights we
find joy, in your presence we find peace.
Draw us near, so that we might see as you
see, love as you love, and follow your ways.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: As we turn to you in praise, we recognize
the shortcomings of our lives. Hear us now
as we confess to you our sin. **The truth of
our life is this: We are prone to
foolishness and neglect to seek your
wisdom; we are caught in our
stubbornness and fail to follow your way;**

**we are lured by selfishness and disregard
our call to love; we are trapped by anxiety
and forget how to rest in your presence.
Forgive who we have been, amend who we
are, and direct who we shall be. In the
name of Jesus who taught us to pray
saying:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 119, Part 5 (read alternately)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN VU 585
Jesus Bids Us Shine
(Children are invited to come forward)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us present our tithes and offering
according to the blessing that we have
received.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN VU 541
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

L: We thank you O Lord for sources of
income, for the strength to do our passion
and earn a living. Receive this offering for
the sake of those who have no source, have
not strength and do not earn. Guide us as we
seek to faithfully use it to continue your
ministry in this community. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - VU 400
Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

L: God who is full of patience, kindness and
goodness, hear our prayers for the world, for
one another, and for ourselves:
For this congregation and for the church
around the world; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For mercy, justice, understanding, and peace
in our relationships and between nations;
Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For all those in danger and need, the sick and
the dying, the poor and the oppressed,
refugees and prisoners, and for their
families; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For those who work in fields and forests, in
mines and offices; and for those who do not
have enough work to do or enough to fill
their days; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For those who travel by land, air and water;
and for those on vacation and who explore
your creation; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For those who nurture our trust in you and
our understanding of you, for books and
ideas that have enlarged our sense of wonder
and joy and for events that have shaped our
values and goals; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

For the love of those who are closest to us,
for friendships that have stood the test of
many years, for those who love us enough to
tell us the truth, and that help us in moments
of need; Lord, hear our prayer...

P: and in your love, answer.

To you, the source of eternal life, we bring
you these prayers for the world and one
another. My prayer is

God eternal, keep us in communion with
your people of all times and in all places that
we may serve you faithfully until your will is
done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 5:22-26
Psalm 15:1-5
James 1:2-4, 20
Romans 12:14, 17, 19
1 Corinthians 13:4-5

HYMN VU343 I Love to Tell the Story (v3
& refrain)

REFLECTION – Fruit For All Seasons –
Part 3 – Kindness, Goodness and
Longsuffering/ Patience,

CLOSING HYMN – VU672 Take Time To
Be Holy

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May you be filled with the knowledge of
God's will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives
worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as
you bear fruit in every good work and as you
grow in the knowledge of God. May you be
made strong with all the strength that comes
from his glorious power, and may you be
prepared to endure everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light."

CHORAL BLESSING – May the Love

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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