

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "First Arabesque" Debussy
Karen May, Organist

*As the prelude begins, please begin your time of quiet meditation and worship,
and silence all electronic devices.*

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION Rev. Dr. David Stoker

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 8)

Leader: We come to worship God, Who has made us and knows us.
People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!
Leader: We come to follow Jesus, Who leads us to new life.
People: We come to listen for the Holy Spirit, Who guides and sustains us.
Leader: As we worship, may we know the Spirit is alive among us.
All: Come, let us worship our God!

***OPENING HYMN** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Kirchengesang
Blue Hymnal #455, verses 1,2,3,6)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord God, we have not loved the people in this world as we should. We have not forgiven our enemies seventy times seven. We have not gladly turned the other cheek when people have offended us. We have not gone the second mile with most people, and with some, not even the first. We have not befriended the stranger, or spoken kindly of the foolish. Yet You have loved us with a steady and unchangeable love. You have been generous to us far beyond what we deserve. Forgive us, Lord, for seeing the faults of others, and not seeing our own. Teach us anew how to love and be loved. For Yours is indeed the kingdom that will be forever.
(Please continue in time of personal, silent confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Responsively)

Leader: The steadfast love of The Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end.
People: Through Christ, God's forgiveness reaches into each of our lives. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ~ Apostles' Creed (In Unison)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Aria" Jacques Ibert
Kent Cohea, flute; Aubrey May, violin; Karen May, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Harvest Song" Joseph Melikian
Aubrey May, violin; Karen May, piano

***HYMN** "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" Melva Costen
(Blue Hymnal #334)

SCRIPTURE Exodus 19:4-6; Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 8:20-21

*Please stand at this time

(over)

SERMON	“The New Exodus”	Wesley Simmonds
**CLOSING HYMN	“The God of Abraham Praise” (Blue Hymnal #488)	Daniel Judah
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Duetto” Karen May, piano	Mendelssohn

We invite you to use a connection/prayer card for your comments, contact-info update, and prayer requests. Visitors, please let us know that you are here! Look for these cards in the pew slots and put the completed card in the offering plate, or give it to an usher.

~Thank You~