

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 18th, 2022



PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz

PRAISE SONG

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.
God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.
We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.
God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.
We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.
Alleluia! Amen!

PRAISE SONG

"Facedown"

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO CONFESSION

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, God of compassion, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the gift of hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

God, our Judge, is also our Savior. The good news is sure:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patria"

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I'll Fly Away"

Adult Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (NIV)

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18 You who are my Comforter^[a] in sorrow,
my heart is faint within me.

19 Listen to the cry of my people
from a land far away:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King no longer there?"

"Why have they aroused my anger with their images,
with their worthless foreign idols?"

20 "The harvest is past,
the summer has ended,
and we are not saved."

21 Since my people are crushed, I am crushed;
I mourn, and horror grips me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then is there no healing
for the wound of my people?

9 ^[b]**1** Oh, that my head were a spring of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears!

I would weep day and night
for the slain of my people.

HYMN

#423: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)

Liturgist

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

16 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. **2** So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— **4** I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6 "Nine hundred gallons^[a] of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels^[b] of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. **9** I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. **11** So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? **12** And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

SERMON

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

OFFERING

RESPONSE

"Doxology"

CLOSING SONG

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Praise Team

BENEDICTION

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SENDING

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