

Celebration of Worship

May 21, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

****As you enter, please take a rhythm instrument for the closing song!****

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Hayes

We Offer Praise

* Please stand, if you are able

+ Found on the screen

*+ SONGS OF PRAISE *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)* Imboden & Rhoton
Sanctuary Rothwell
Praise Team

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 66*

One: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth! Sing praises to the glory of God's name! Make glorious God's praise! Say to God: "How awesome are your works!" All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of praise be heard! God preserved us among the living and didn't let our feet slip a bit.

Many: **But you, God, have tested us – you've refined us like silver,**

Men & Boys: trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs;

Women & Girls: You let other people run right over our heads; we've been through fire and water.

One: But then you brought us out to freedom! So we'll enter your house with offerings of joy.

Many: **I'll keep the promises I made to you, the ones my lips uttered, the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble.**

One: Come close and listen, all you who honor God; I will tell you what God has done for me. My mouth cried out to him with praise on my tongue.

Many: **If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened. But God definitely listened. God heard the sound of my prayer. Bless God! The Lord didn't reject my prayer; our God didn't withhold faithful love from me. Praise be to God!**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE 4 MISSION

God Speaks with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART
Message
Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

+ NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSON *John 14:15-27* CEB

+ NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 17:22-31* CEB

SERMON *The Closeness of God in a Crazy Time*
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond in Re-Dedication

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

* SONG *I Will Come to You* Insert

God Requires Confession and Blesses Us with Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

God Feeds Us with a Heart of Love

WE ARE INVITED TO THE FEAST

WE HEAR CHRIST'S WORDS OF HOPE

WE PRAY FOR THE MYSTERY OF THE SPIRIT AMONG US

CHRIST IS THE HOST OF THE TABLE

WE SHARE THE FEAST

SONG *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Praise Team

COMMUNAL PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord* Watts/Roesch

Chancel Choir

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause,
Maintain the glory of His cross, and honor all His laws.

Jesus, my Lord! I know His name; His name is all my boast;
Nor will He put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power,
What I've committed to His trust till the decisive hour.

Then will He own His servant's name before His Father's face,
And in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause,
Maintain the glory of His cross, and honor all His laws,
And honor all His laws!

YELLOW ROSE DEDICATION

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* CLOSING SONG *Siyahamba*

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God...

We are praying...

We are singing...

We are dancing...

* POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name* Hayes