

SABBATH GATHERING

September 23, 2018

9:20 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care are 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.

Thought before Worship

"There are 60,065 known species of trees in the world, according to Botanical Gardens Conservation International. Brazil has the greatest number of species at 8,715 and North America the least with less than 1,400. There are about 300 species that are identified as critically endangered with as few as 50 members remaining in the wild. And who knows how many more there are that have yet to be discovered!"

Mark Kinver, BBC News

God Invites Us to Worship

Rev. Eileen's office is available for Quiet Time during the Hymn Sing.

HYMN SING IN THE SANCTUARY (beginning at 9:20)

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD *Psalm 1*

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

* HYMN *As Deer Long for the Streams* # 189

FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

The Lord's Prayer

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Romans 11:13-36*

SERMON *The Believer Tree* Pastor Larry DeVuyst

ART RESPONSE

ANTHEM *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Temple
Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

We Believe -

that we are the light of the world,
that we should let our light shine before others,
that our love should be genuine,
that we should hate what is evil,
that we should love what is good,
that we should be guided by the Spirit,
that we should not be conceited or envy one another,
that we should clothe ourselves with virtue and
that we are called to live Godly lives.

We believe in God the Father who calls us;

We believe in God the Son who died for us; and

We believe in the Holy Spirit who empowers us. Amen.

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

- * DOXOLOGY (# 592)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please join with groups of no more than 5 and pray together.

Offer one prayer for a personal need;

Offer one prayer for a friend or other church member;

Offer one prayer for the world; and

Offer one prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * HYMN *We Shall Go Out with Joy* (sung twice) Insert
(During the hymn, please gather in a large circle around the Sanctuary.)

- * BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE