

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Candle

Without darkness there cannot be light. We light this candle in recognition that Jesus is the light of the world and those who follow him walk in the light of life and love.

Amen

Call to worship

We did not first seek God.

God first came looking for us.

We do not find God.

It is God who finds us.

Come, let us free ourselves of expectation and responsibility.

Let us find God here in our worship today.

Come, let us worship.

**Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator; let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace. Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding, showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace. (MV 82)*

Opening prayer

Loving God, we come into your presence with singing, we come each one and all with unique strengths and weaknesses; we are your children. Thank you for the creation, in your love, of a space where we are accepted as we are, where we can breathe, be honest, learn, and grow. Thank you for meeting with us here. Thank you for brothers and sisters in the faith. You teach and empower us to live together, to serve the gospel and change the world in life that does not die, and love that does not end. Loving God, thank you. Amen.

Hymn: VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing

Prayers for Grace and Transformation

Words of Affirmation

God's promise to every generation is to know that God is there for us, and we shall never be put to shame.

Receive God's grace and offer it to one another. Amen.

The Peace

Readings

Psalm 65

Luke 18: 9-14

Reflection

Hymns to inspire...

The Offering & Doxology

Dream a peace, our planet's peace, the greening of the earth at play, the holy ground where life is found, where God has touched the clay. (MV 158, vs 3)

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of the people & The Lord's Prayer

~Extinguish the candle~

**Peace be with you, peace forever, peace be with you, my friends. Till we meet again, may God be with you. Peace, peace, peace. (MV 215)*

Blessing & Benediction

Hymn: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me!

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