ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00am OCT 6TH, 2024

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG We Will Stand Chancel Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 133 #850 Liturgist, Cindy Swayer

Liturgist: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes,

Liturgist: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

HYMN OF PRAISE* Love Divine All Love's Excelling UMH 384

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist, Cindy Sawyer

Following the Liturgist prayer please respond by saying:

L: Lord in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

ANTHEM

Come and Share Our Bread

Calvary Chancel Choir

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-28

Liturgist, Cindy Sawyer

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

L: This is the Word of God for the Children of God

P: Thanks be to God

And a little child shall lead them

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." -Matthew 7:12

*At this time, children can stay with their families for the remainder of worship or join a Family Ministries Team member for children's time and worship.

SERMON Do Onto Others: Common Ground Rev. Amy Beth Coleman

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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L: The Lord be with you. P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P: It is right to give our thanks and praise

L: (the pastor(s) gives thanks appropriate to the occasion) ... and join their unending hymn

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: (the pastor(s) continues the thanksgiving) ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: (the pastor(s) invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit) ... now and forever.

All: AMEN.

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Doxology UMH 95

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.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING FORTH

HYMN OF COMMITMENT*

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Focus Verse: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." -Matthew 7:12

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences." `John Wesley

To whom are you challenged to listen, and how can you see them as a child of God?