



SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 18, 2022 9:00 am

“Justice is what love looks like in public.”
--Cornel West

Chimes and Prelude

“The Water is Wide”

Arr. Daniel Kallman

Please rise, in body or spirit

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship our God:

**All: We come with hearts filled with joy,
and longing to lift up our sorrows.**

One: We gather to follow Jesus:

**All: not only with songs and prayers,
but with lives of service and peace.**

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit’s presence:

**All: not only so we can wait patiently
for Christ to come,
but so we can be with those who are impatient
for justice and hope in their lives.**

Hymn 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Prayer of Confession

**Everlasting God,
we have not lived as your people.**

**We serve many false masters
and find no hope in them.**

**We hear the cries of the poor,
and shut the doors of our hearts to them.**

Too often we claim that which we would deny others.

**Forgive us, O God,
and heal us of our brokenness.
Make us well, so that by our healing,
we might be the 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.
In his name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of salvation offers forgiveness to each of us through the Redeemer sent in human form. We are grateful that we are given the chance to begin again and that nothing we have done can separate us from God's love.
Thanks be to God, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Response

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Please be seated

Children's Message

Response

"Jesus Loves Me!"

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*After the Children's Message, children are invited to join their teachers for Sunday School.
Parents can pick their children up after service in their classrooms on the 2nd floor.*

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Choir anthem

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. John Ferguson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

Special music

“Down by the Riverside”

arr. Daniel Kallman

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Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th (Hymn 606)

**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.**

Hymn 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Please be seated

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Amos 8:4-6; 5: 6-7, 14-15, 23-24

Sermon

God of the Vulnerable

Rev. Dr. Sally Brown

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (Baptismal Format)

What do you believe
when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty?”
**That God is a God of love,
and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.**



What do you affirm
when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord?”
**That having been raised from the dead
he reigns with compassion and justice
over all things in heaven and on earth,
especially over those who confess him by faith;
and that by loving and serving him above all else,
we give glory and honor to God.**

What do you believe
when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?
**That apart from the Holy Spirit,
our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served.
The Holy Spirit is the personal bond
by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself,
the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ,
and the comforter who leads us to repentance,
empowering us to live in Christ’s service.**

Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Blessing and Response

You may remain seated for the postlude, or move quietly to Fellowship Hall.

Postlude

“Minuet”

George Frideric Handel

Leading us in worship today:

The Rev. Dr. Sally Brown, guest preacher
The Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor
Ellen Endslo, Liturgist
Sandor Kadar, Director of Music
Pete Prochnau, clarinet
The Chancel Choir

Worship notes:

“Lord of the Dance” is a hymn with words written by English songwriter Sydney Carter. He borrowed the tune from the American Shaker tune “Simple Gifts.” It follows the idea of the traditional English carol, “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” which tells the gospel story in the first-person voice of Jesus though portraying his life and mission as a dance. The words of this anthem can be found on page #157 in the hymnal.