

The liturgical color is purple, representing both royalty and penitence.

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in e minor" J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Ben Chiappone, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Inspired by Psalm 19*

If you ask the sky who God is,
the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,
the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,
the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

***OPENING HYMN** "God of Love and God of Power" UMH 578

OPENING PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19, p. 390

ANTHEM 9:00 AM "Goin' to the Holy City" Joseph M. Martin
Charter Members Men's Choir; Larry Fram, soloist; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

11:00 AM "Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist; McKinley Glasser, cello

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY 9:00 AM "Jesus Paid It All" adapted by Howard Helvey

11:00 AM "Call to Remembrance" Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir; Laurie Babcock, Ben Chiappone, soloists

*DOXOLOGY #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.**

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—
trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Church, what do you say?

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

HYMN OF CENTERING "Christ Is the World's Light" UMH 188

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16 :13-20, p. 694

MESSAGE "The Question Is" Rev. Edgar Brady

HOLY COMMUNION Musical Setting A, UMH pg. 17

***HYMN OF MISSION** "My Hope Is Built" UMH 368

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Edward Mote. He was born in London, England in 1797. His parents both ran a pub and young Edward was left on his own to play in the streets. Introduced to the Gospel, he was baptized at age 18. Mote worked as a cabinet maker in London for 37 years. He decided to enter the ministry in his fifties and became a Baptist Minister. He served the Rehobeth Baptist Church in Horsham, England for 26 years. He also composed over 100 hymns, the best known is the one we sing today. This hymn is based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders from the Sermon on the Mount. In this parable, Jesus instructs that putting His words into practice will shield one against the storms of life like a house built on rock instead of sand. Rev. Mote died in 1874 and is buried in the churchyard of the Rehoboth Baptist Church.

***FAITH IN ACTION**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
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POSTLUDE "Toccata in e minor" Pachelbel

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 & his Brothers, Jeffrey and Ernest Fournier

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Ruthanne MacDonald
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 whose birthday was March 5th

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Traditional Worship

March 3, 2024

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