

**July 9, 2023 9:00 am**

**Prelude:** *Mary Kate Barnes*

**Welcome:** *Pastor Elsie*

**Call to Worship** *Pastor Elsie*

Pastor: Come on in and find some rest!

**People: We need that rest, for we are weary!**

Pastor: Come on in and discover peace!

**People: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.**

Pastor: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

**People: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #400**

\*Great one another with the Peace of Christ

**Joy & Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer: (unison)**

**We gather together this morning, O Lord, eager to feel your healing touch for our wounded spirits and weary souls. Flood our lives with your peace. Shine your light of joy in our souls this day, for we pray in Christ's Name. AMEN.**

**Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer**

**Children's Time:** *Carole Ann Robertson*

**Announcements:** *Pastor Elsie*

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 11:25-30 - *Elaine Davis*

**Hymn of Preparation:** As the Deer #2025 TFWS

**Message:** *Pastor Elsie*

**Offertory Prayer:**

As you have received, each of us, O Lord, also receive these gifts that we offer to you so that your love may be made known through ministries of peace, hope, and justice.  
AMEN.

**Closing Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus # 526

**Benediction**

Weary travelers, go now in peace with the love of Christ in your hearts. You are released from your burdens! Go with joy to serve God. AMEN.

**Postlude:** *Mary Kate Barnes*