

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Prelude - MaryKate Barnes

Welcome - Pastor Elsie

Call to Worship:

Pastor: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

All: God's love flows through our lives!

Pastor: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

All: this is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

Pastor: Let us rejoice on this day!

All: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: Standing on the Promises of Christ My King #374 (v.1, 3, 4)

Greet one another with the Peace of Christ

Joy & Concerns

Congregational Prayer: (Unison)

Opening Prayer (Matthew 15)

We cry to you, O Lord, from the back of the line, the edge of the crowd, and the corner of the room. But you make no such distinctions, nor do you set such boundaries. Your faithfulness is great; your grace is enough. And we are covered in your love.

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Time: Carole Ann Robertson

Blessing of the Backpacks: Pastor Elsie

Special Music: Precious Lord, What A Friend - WUMC Singers

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn of Preparation: People Need the Lord TFWS# 2244 (2X)

Message: All Included Pastor Elsie

Offertory & Offering prayer - MaryKate Barnes

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. AMEN.

Closing Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #140 (v. 1 & 3)

Benediction

May God's mercy and peace go with you as you re-enter God's world to serve those in need. Go in peace. AMEN.

Postlude