

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Prelude** - Mary Kate Barnes

**Welcome** - Pastor Elsie Quintanilla

**Call to Worship (Genesis 28, Psalm 139)**

Pastor: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

**All: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.**

Pastor: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

**All: Blessed be God who watches over us.**

Pastor: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

**All: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us. AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn:** The Church's One Foundation #545

**Greet one another with the Peace of Christ**

**Joy & Concerns** - Pastor Elsie

**Congregational Prayer: (Unison)**

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over, guide, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

**Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

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

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Hymn of Preparation:** Jesus Name Above All Names TFWS #2071

**Message:** Who Am I? - Pastor Elsie

**Offering/Doxology/Prayer:**

Generous God who always gives each of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share our abundance. Bless these gifts offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

**Closing Hymn:** My Hope is Built #368

**Benediction:** Pastor Elsie

The world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer. Go forth in joy and peace to be God's witness this day and all your days. AMEN.

**Postlude** - Mary Kate Barnes