



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
OCTOBER 20, 2019



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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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10:30 am  
12:00 noon  
1:00 pm

Family Worship Service  
Fellowship Hour  
Choir Practice

# WORSHIP SERVICE

October 20, 2019

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 121)**

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?*

**My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

*He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

**The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

## PRAISE

**\*Songs of Praise**

*“Marvelous Grace” (#696)*

*“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” (#693)*

*“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (#469)*

**\*God’s Greeting**

**Choral Anthem: “We Sing a Jubilant Song”**

## RENEWAL

**Prayer of Confession (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)**

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me.*

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

*You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.*

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

*You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

*Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?*

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

*If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.*

**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon from Romans 8:12-25**

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the*

present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*Friends, this is the good news!*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

*“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” (#261 vs. 1-5)*

## RESPONSE

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** General Fund

**\*Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:**

*“Lord of All Good, Our Gifts We Bring to You” (#879 vs. 1)*

## PROCLAMATION

**Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection**

**Scripture:** 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18 (p. 1242)

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Never Adventuring Alone**

**\*Hymn of Response:** *“The Lord Be with You” (#535)*

## SENDING

**\*Sending & Benediction**

**\*Doxology** *“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise” (#932 vs. 4)*

**Postlude**

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**Participants:**

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Joan DeWindt