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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Alice Whitson

Introit

O Love
by Elaine Hagenberg

*Call to Worship (from Revelation 21)

Rev. Zach Walker

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

"See, I am making all things new."

*Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, our judge and redeemer,
you have sent light, but we have chosen not to see.**

We have stumbled in darkness, created by our own blindness.

We have been called to think, but we have recited from memory.

We have sinned by doing wrong, and by refusing to do right.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Deliver us from evil, strengthen us in goodness,

and free us for joyful service as agents of your reconciling love. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

Glo-ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
was in the be - ginning. is now and ev - er shall be. A - men!

The musical score is written on four staves in 12/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The final note is a whole note, indicating the end of the piece.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Call for Illumination (Hymn 455)

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

Join in singing when invited.

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Wells

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40 (p. 1000)

Sermon

Revelation

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 480

Take Me To the Water

Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Prayers of the People and 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;

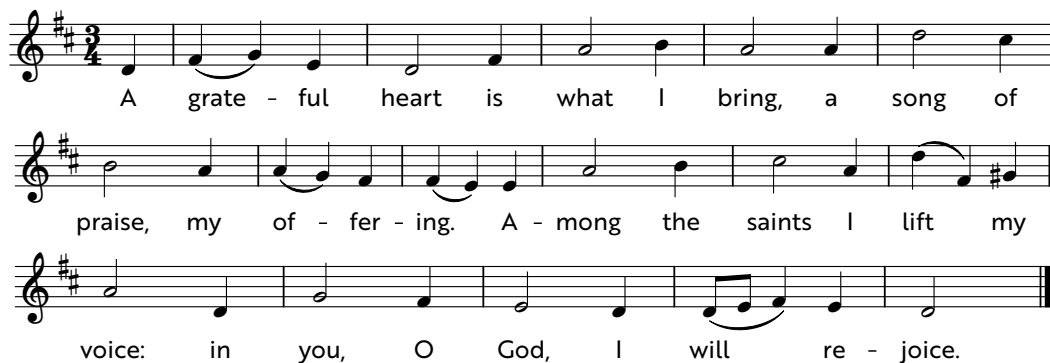
**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art
arr. Dan Forrest

*Sung Response



A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I lift my
voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 462

I Love to Tell the Story

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 462, refrain)

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

*Postlude

And Again I Say, Rejoice!
by Brenda Portman

**All who are able may stand*

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ and piano
Tim Braselton, cello

Choral Octet: Chris Brent, Trent Green, Doug Jones, Chris Leaver, Josh Maize,
Riley Pembleton, Spencer Ruwe, Ron Witzke

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words of Faith (June 28-Sept. 20). Words matter. How we speak about our faith matters. How we describe what it is we do and do not believe matters. In this summer's sermon series, our pastors will explore different words of faith that come to us from a variety of places—scripture, theology, culture—in hopes that we might broaden our vocabulary and deepen our faith.

Aug. 16	Revelation - Rev. Alice Whitson
Aug. 23	Belonging - Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen
Aug. 30	Wisdom (<i>Youth Sunday</i>)
Sept. 6	Doxology - Rev. Anna Owens (<i>Hymn Sing</i>)

Child care is available downstairs. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-4 to Room 107. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

Today is a Family Worship Sunday – Kids will worship with their families while we prepare for Fall Lighthouse. We look forward to seeing you at kickoff on Sept. 13!

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.
You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service at 913-203-1301.
We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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