

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, September 13, 2020

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

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**indicates the community stands, as able

WELCOME *Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*
...Michael Brooks

PRELUDE *Air from Suite in D* J. S. Bach
...Katelyn Emery, violin

VOICES UNITED **242 *Let All Things Now Living*
**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP ...Martha Reynolds

**PEACE GREETING
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you!
(children and youth may proceed to programs)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

BIBLE READINGS [Exodus 14: 19-31](#) *(click link to read text)*
[Galatians 5: 1, 13-15](#)

SERMON RESISTING DESPAIR
1. Freedom

RESPONDING IN CARE

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesus, My Joy* J. S. Bach

REACHING OUT IN HOPE

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

VOICES UNITED **421 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*
**Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

**Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**

**Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Sonata in F* G. F. Handel

Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We have put the following initiatives and guidelines in place to make our in-person worship experience as safe as possible:

- Keep a social distance of 6 feet between yourself and others attending worship; this also means that unfortunately, no hugs or handshakes are permitted at this time
- Washrooms are available and may be used; please maintain social distancing while in the washroom
- In accordance with Health Authorities, congregational singing is not permitted; music will be provided by soloists and instrumentalists
- You are invited to exchange the Peace of Christ using non-contact gestures such as waves, folded hands or peace signs
- Your offering may be placed into the collection plates at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service while exiting
- No coffee or refreshments will be served following worship
- Following worship, please leave the building as per ushers' directions

***If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact the church office at 905-637-5631***