Worship 7:30 PM                                                                     Thursday, July 18, 2019

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian church.

GATHERING

Prelude
“How Great Thou Art”        arr. Nathan P. DiGesare
Amy Bender, pianist

Lighting of the Candles                                      Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship        Willie Dycks, Liturgist
Leader:  Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.
People:  You do not desire a sacrifice or I would offer one.
Leader:  You do not want a burnt offering.
People:  The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
Leader:  You desire a repentant heart, O God.
People:  We gather in your Holy Name, O Lord, in need of your grace and mercy.

* Prayer (unison)
Holy God, we come ready to receive all you have to offer. We empty ourselves so that you may fill us. We humble ourselves so that you will transform us. Come, Lord, and satisfy our deepest longings. In Christ we pray. Amen.
**Opening Hymn 61**  
“Come, Thou Almighty King”  
ITALIAN HYMN

**Special Music**  
“A Song from the Heart”  
Tracy Paroubek, clarinet

**Proclamation and Response**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer**

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 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, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**  
“Meditation from Thais”  
Jules Massenet

**Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn of Preparation 397**  
“I Need Thee Every Hour”  
NEED

**Scripture Reading**  
New Testament page 4  
Matthew 5:1-3

Leader:  
The Word of God for the people of God.
People:  
Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**  
Rev. Sondra Snod  
Beat the Heat with the Beatitudes: Week 1  
“A Willingness to Receive”

**Sending Forth**

**Hymn 526**  
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
CONVERSE

**Choral Benediction**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  

**Postlude**

*Members of the congregation stand if able.*