GATHERING

Prelude  “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
        arr. Albin C. Whitworth
        Amy Bender, organist

Welcome and Announcements  Rev. Sondra Snode, Liturgist

Call to Worship
When we are lost in the wilderness,
    God’s steadfast love endures forever.
When we complain about our problems,
    God’s steadfast love endures forever.
When we ignore abundant provisions,
    God’s steadfast love endures forever.
When we sneak around in the dark,
    God’s steadfast love endures forever.
When questions loom and faith falters,
    God’s steadfast love endures forever.
In this time of worship, God, may we release our failures
    and rest in your love.
(Courtesy of Spacious Faith)

Opening Prayer
Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us
that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord
Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of
compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ’s
Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.
(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

* Hymn  131  “We Gather Together”  Laurie Babcock, Cantor

Offertory  “Gonna Sit Down and Rest Awhile”  Patti Drennan
           Chancel Choir; recorded October 13, 2019

* Congregation invited to stand if able.
**Doxology**  UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn of Preparation 140** (vs. 1 and refrain)  "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Scripture**  
Numbers 21:4-9

**Message**  
A Way in the Wilderness:  When We Grow Impatient  
Rev. Mikayla Doepker

**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.

**Hymn 130**  "God Will Take Care of You"

**Benediction**

**Benediction Sung Response**  "Go Now in Peace"

**Postlude**  "Prelude in d minor"  J. S. Bach

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