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Ministers: Everyone!

## **Order of Worship**

**10:00 AM**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 14, 2022**

### ***WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST***

**CENTERING MUSIC** *(in unison)*

Suzanne Milliman cantor

God prepare me to be a Sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for You. (2x)

Adapted from John W. Thompson & Randy Lynn Scruggs

**WELCOME!**

Pastor Jason

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(one / many)*

Pastor Jason

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace by sharing messages of peace with your pew neighbors or in the comments in our broadcast.*

**SUNG RESPONSE** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.

You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.

There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place

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## WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

\*+CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

*It is good to give thanks to God,  
To sing praises to God's name, O Most High.  
To declare God's steadfast love in the morning,  
And God's faithfulness by night  
We proclaim God's love in music and praise,  
We are made glad by the works of God.  
Come, sing for joy, praise God's name,  
For great are the works of our God!*

\*OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Living God"

Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,  
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Whose infinite design, which we but clearly see,  
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,  
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,  
Till humankind stood on the Earth, as living, thinking souls.

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.  
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,  
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Text: Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.; Tune: Diademata, George J. Elvey, 1868.

+PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*in unison*)

Pastor Jason

**Almighty God, we confess that in our desire for freedom, we have ditched our responsibility. In our pursuit of peace, at times we have sacrificed justice and truth-telling. In our acceptance of Your gifts of the world, we have created a world for ourselves, where resources are exploited and the marginalized continue to suffer. Call us into accountability, O God. Remind us of our responsibility to care for the earth and our neighbors. Hold us to the truth, and the work of justice. Lead us into the difficult work of stewardship, of doing the work of dismantling oppressive**

**systems and our own privilege. In the name of Jesus, who laid down his life for us, may we lay down our power and privilege, and work together for the beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**+WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE** (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

*Jesus calls us to come to him, to hand over our burdens, and that we will be given rest. Be awakened to the sins in the world, the sin we participate in, but know that in Christ the work of forgiveness has already begun. Pursue the work of justice, and reconciliation will follow. Pursue the work of dismantling oppression and privilege, and know that Christ is at work in you. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that we are all works in progress. Alleluia and amen!*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Jason

**ANTHEM**

"Maria Luisa: Mazurka" by Julio Sagreras

Isaiah Bauch, guitar

*After the anthem, children and youth may go to their classes: ages 0-4 in the nursery behind the sanctuary, K-5th grade in the elementary classroom, and grades 6-12 in the youth room.*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 12: 49-56

Adrian Matlack

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Jason

**HYMN**

"O Day of God, Draw Near"

O Day of God draw near in beauty and in power,  
Come with your timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,  
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
And finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace,  
That war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.

O Day of God draw near as at creation's birth,  
Let there be light again, and let your reign begin on earth.

*Words by R. B. Y. Scott (1937); Tune: St. Michael, Trente Quatres Pseaumes (1551)*

## ***WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE***

**INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING**

Pastor Jason

**SONG OF PRAISE** (*in unison*)

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace, who blesses every time and place,  
whose Christ shows every person's worth, whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

*Text and tune adapted from the Geneva Psalter (1551)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Let us pray together. . .*)

**Holy God, help us to renew your work on Earth. May our gifts this day  
sow seeds of love, mercy, justice, and peace, and call upon us to look  
to You for light and living water. We pray that what we share helps all  
your people to thrive as you created us to do. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

Pastor Jason

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Jason

**SENDING HYMN**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended,  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us,  
To work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving,  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*Words by Omer Westendorf (1964); Tune: Welsh folk melody*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jason

**POSTLUDE**

John Woolfolk

*Please remain seated for the Postlude.*

**WE RETURN TO THE WORLD  
RENEWED AND EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT**

*As our worship ends, our service begins.*

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