



"I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, God. . .
make successful the way I am going! Genesis 24:42

GATHERING

Prelude: “Seek Ye First” arr. Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship
Leader: We gather today to lean into simplicity, to slow down the pace from the week just passed.
People: As we come, we bring our full, imperfect selves to delight in the God who is Love.
Leader: Entering the week ahead, we take a deep breath that our bodies may be calm and our spirits at peace.
People: We gather as people who don’t always know what to do in the face of difficult and challenging circumstances.
Leader: Desiring to follow God with our actions, we come to listen and embrace the guidance that is offered.
People: Whether we wonder if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in small moments of goodness, we remind us grace is still at work.
Leader: This is the spirit in which we worship, trusting a grace that will show us how to live and work, play and rest.
People: Together we are a community of faith woven together by Love. AMEN
*Hymn: #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
*Prayer of the Day and Confession

God of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving for the ways in which You reveal Yourself to us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we

have come to know and love You; we have witnessed Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of Your heart, and we have received the call to follow.
So often the very things we want to do, and should do, we don’t do. Harmful behaviors we tried to put down, we keep picking back up, and our soul is hurting. Opportunities we have been praying for came, but fear, lack of confidence, or low self-esteem drove them away.
So continue to reveal Yourself to us. May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You here and to know You better. In the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Savior, we pray, AMEN.
*Sung Response: The Doxology

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Genesis 23 and 25:11 (*selections*)
Sermon: “Finding a Way”
Hymn: “God Will Take Care of You” (*please see insert*)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*based on Romans 7:14-25*)
Gracious Redeemer, you know us completely—our good intentions, our wavering will, our stumbling steps. As with Paul, we confess the war within us: longing to do what is right, yet too often falling short. Still, you meet us not with condemnation, but with mercy and grace. Our offerings are not to earn your favor, but to respond in gratitude for the One who rescues us from the grip of all that is not good. Use our gifts and use us to offer hope where there is despair,

light where there is shadow, and love where there is brokenness. We give because You gave first—and because your Spirit empowers us to live not by our strength, but by your grace. In Christ's name, AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People (*responsive*)

Leader: God of power, we are bold to pray that this world may be free from the grip of the tomb, that the fullness of life you created this world to embrace may one day return in its fullness. As you heard the prayer of Isaac and Rebekah and guided them in the way of your love, so listen now to those who call upon you.

People: We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those that we have named today, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray unending for the peace of the world. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. Lead us from this place in hope, for you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever, AMEN.

*Hymn: #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: May Christ who dwells in us enable us to continue in diligent efforts and good work.

People: Blessed with grace and perseverance, we journey on in faith, growing into the image of Christ more and more every day. AMEN

Postlude: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” arr. Douglas Wagner
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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