



February 3, 2019

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Callahan

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 155** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The UCC Mental Health Network

Leader: God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves;

People: The one who is weak and the one who is strong,

Leader: The one who is happy and the one who is sad,

People: The one who is enjoying mental wellness today,

Leader: And the one who is struggling with mental illness today,

People: The one whom we understand and the one we don’t,

Leader: The one who is embraced and the one who is shunned,

People: The one who is like us and the one who is different.

Leader: Come, let us worship together!

People: We come, trusting God’s abundant love!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 462**

Verse 4

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;

and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT: Samaritan Counseling Center

John King

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“O Christ, Surround Me”

arr. David Sims

IXOYC Choir

(11:00)

“The Lord is My Light”

Mark Patterson

Covenant Choir

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted

Steadfast God, we go through times when we feel alone, when we feel like the world is against us, when we feel there is no one on our side. You are always there, our Advocate and Redeemer, our Rock and Strength. Bring us comfort when we feel despair. Remind us of your presence when we feel alone. Comfort us when we feel wounded by the actions of others. Forgive us when our actions wound others. Help us to live into your hope, knowing that you are at work in all the world around us, and especially through the love and care of others. In the name of Jesus, who showed us your compassion, mercy and love, we pray. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“We Sing One Common Lord”
Chancel Choir

John Carter

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 560** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible pg. 944

This is God’s living Word for God’s living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“The Strength of Community”
Rev. Elbert Dulworth

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17 (Musical Setting A)

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.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The elements will be served by intinction. At the direction of the ushers, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Fed by your love and strengthened through your presence with us, we pray that we may go forth into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be your Church. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 634** “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Fantasia Maestoso”

Rheinberger

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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