

Extraordinary

Nobodies



June 16, 2019

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Laudate Dominum”
(O Praise Ye the Lord)

arr. Callahan

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 133** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nancy C. Townley, adapted

Leader: How are you this morning?

People: It would be easy for us to say, “Fine, thank you,” but the truth is that there are lots of things going on in our lives, lots of time crunches and pressures.

Leader: You have come to the right place. Rest for a minute. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Just relax and let your heart be open to God’s word for you.

People: That sounds good to us. Sabbath is what we need.

Leader: Feel the healing, soothing power of God’s love for you.

People: Lord, we rest our minds, spirits and hearts in your compassionate love.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 358**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.**

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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 ANTHEM

“Morning Has Broken”
Summer Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00)

Congregational Response: With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

THE RESPONSE (10:00, All Singing)

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

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THE CALL TO PRAYER (Leader)

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nancy C. Townley

Patient Lord, we schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. We are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others, we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith. Help us to place ourselves in your care. Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE (Leader)

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.

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THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“How Great Thou Art”

Arr. Dan Forrest

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94**

**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!**

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Come and Find the Quiet Center” Inserted

THE SCRIPTURE Exodus 18:13-27 (Pew Bible pg. 64)

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

THE SERMON *Extraordinary Nobodies:*
“A Father-in-Law’s Advice”
Rev. Elbert Dulworth

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 127** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**
Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE** “Recessional” Robert Cundick

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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