

Order of Service

September 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*Take a deep breath and let God in as you breathe!*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 149)

Let our praise today be made new.

**May we sing a new song, pray a new prayer, dance a new dance,  
and speak and hear a new word.**

Let the faithful delight in the Holy One's marvelous acts

**from the seats in the sanctuary to the couches in our homes.**

Let us glorify God with our voices, the work of our lives, and the joy of our souls.

**Glory to God! Praise the Holy One!**

Hymn No. 15

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Opening Prayer

**God who journeys with us, we give thanks to be gathered in your presence. May  
we acknowledge you in the brightness of the day and in the stillness of the night.  
Provide us a vision of your reign on earth and in our lives. Make us your witnesses  
to a world in need of hope and peace. Infuse us with your love, and may this time  
gathered as your people transform us to reflect your goodness in the world. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

(pew bible pg. 1527)

Sermon

Hymn (opposite)

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Offering

Morning Prayers

The Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4. God, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
Bring us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; God! Free us, make us one!

Anthem

“A Jubilant Song”

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go.

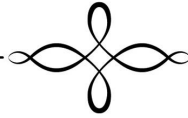
Christ walks with us in the newness of life; go forth in confidence.

**We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God’s love and forgiveness to others.**

**We are the only scriptures some will read.**

**Jesus will be known by our deeds and our words.**

Amen & Amen!



**Following worship this morning:** Fall Kickoff Celebration Pizza Party - ALL welcome!

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**TCC Prayers and Blessings:**

Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Dennis Gunther;  
Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Jim Stewart

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