

Order of Service

October 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Precious Lord" arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome

Call to Worship

People of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

**Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

**Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

**Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

Hymn No. 288 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (pew bible pg.1784-85)

Communion

Morning Prayers

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts to God. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us pray:

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.**

Anthem "O Taste and See" R. Vaughan Williams

Blessing and Distribution of Bread and Juice

**We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for all people. By your Spirit, help us do unto others as you have done unto us; feeding others as you have first fed us; blessing others as you have blessed us; giving to others as you have given to us. We pray this in your Holy name. Amen.**

Offering

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Isaiah 43:14-19 (pew bible pg. 1438-39)

Sermon

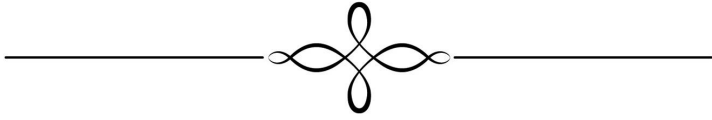
Prayer of Transformation and New Life

**Sustaining God, we are thankful for your legacy of creative energy. Awaken our curiosity to follow where Jesus would lead us. Kindle our trust in you to help us meet your way as we enter into a future with unknown paths. Help us to let go of the fear and not knowing of where we may be going. May the Holy Spirit lead us to new places to engage and share your love in new ways. Help us to trust, to dare, to try and to fail, so that we may pick ourselves up and try again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn No. 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

Blessing

Postlude



**Following worship:** Please join us downstairs for Cider & Donuts and a Special Church Meeting.

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**TCC Prayers and Blessings:**

Kurt Bischoff; Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins;  
Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Lynne Haskins, sister of Melanie Stewart;  
Jonathan Walsh, friend of Kirk Anderson

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No matter who you are...

or where you are  
on life's journey...

**YOU are  
welcome here.**

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