

Order of Worship

July 28, 2024 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Aria

Nicholas Bowden

Steven McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Come, one and all. Gather together, for this is the day of the Lord!

**People: Let's gather at the river by the throne of God,
for there is blessing and hope forever!**

Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

UMH 732

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you know how easy it is for us to be bound up
in chains of fear and mistrust.

We dare not to hope, for so many times before
we have been disappointed.

We know this is not your dream for us,
and yet we feel lost and wonder where you are.

People: Lord, come to us in our despair.

Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy.

Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory.

Give us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.

For we ask this in Jesus' name.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day.
Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and
hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen
Son our Lord.

All: Amen.

Anthem

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Jason W. Krug

Fran Underwood, handbells; Lisa Gibbs Smith, piano

Children's Message

Scripture

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living the Dream

Rev. Wines

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying:

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .

Open our hearts to your word of life so that we may eagerly receive your truth and devote our lives to your service.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .

Be gracious and bless the earth.

Let your rule of equity and justice prevail among all the nations.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .

Be the Lord and light of this city.

Open its gates to all who need shelter and let this place become a temple of peace.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . .

Stir up a sense of compassion in us.

Speak your word of grace and healing to all who want to be made well.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace, when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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Sending Forth**Hymn****I'll Fly Away****Benediction**

Rev. Wines

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