Order of Worship

August 25, 2024 10:00 AM

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

Prelude Let All Things Now Living arr. Michael Mazzatenta

Summer Ensemble

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Welcome to this time of worship.

People: Bless the Spirit that has called us home!
Leader: This place has been prepared for you.

People: Bless God who offers us holy hospitality!

Leader: We respond by opening our hearts to others.

People: Bless Jesus, our example of how to Live Love

with generous hearts and open arms!

Hymn Across the Lands

Prayer of Confession

Leader: For the times we fail to offer hospitality

to those who don't look, think, or act the way we do:

People: God, have mercy on us.

Leader: For the times we fail to offer hospitality

because we are too insulated within

groups, cliques, and circles of familiarity.

People: God, have mercy on us.

Leader: For the times we fail to offer hospitality

as a result of our fear and insecurity.

People: God, have mercy on us.

Leader: For the times we fail to offer hospitality

to those who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

People: God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Merciful God, receive our petitions.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world

caused by our lack of hospitality.

People: Open our hearts to those around us most in need of community.

Support us as we seek to respond with open hearts and minds.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holmes Chaney

Leader: Our loving God walks with us in our confusion,

our doubts, our failings, and our struggles.

Rest assured that God's mercy is flowing down

and our hearts may be at peace.

People: Amen.

Anthem Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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Children's Message and Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Hebrews 13:1-3

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon God's Hospitality Rev. Dr. Chaney

Prayer of the People Rev. Wines

Offering

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Sending Forth Rev. Wines

Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other

Benediction Rev. Dr. Chaney

Postlude Toccata in Seven J. Rutter

Steven McBride, organ

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