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Worship

October 8, 2023
Monteith Hall

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Welcome to this new worship gathering! This Fall we will be experimenting in this service for 12 weeks, trying out new liturgical patterns and exploring ways of being more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational in our expressions of worship. Join us as we listen for the Holy Spirit and try new things! No two weeks will be exactly alike, but each service will seek to help us encounter God in meaningful ways. Join us on the journey!

Ways to Give

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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WORSHIP

19TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
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** When this symbol precedes an element of the service,
please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Side A: You are welcome here!
 Side B: You are welcome here!

 Side A: This is the day that the Lord
 has made,
 Side B: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

 Side A: Surely God is in this place.
 *Side B: We gather here with joy
 and love.*

*OPENING HYMN 408 "There is a Sweet Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION One: Our hearts are hard, O God –
 All: Soften them with your love.

 One: Our hands are clenched, O God –
 All: Open them with your grace.

 One: Our burdens are too heavy,
 O God –
 **All: Help us drop what we need
 to carry no longer.**

 One: Our lives are not our own,
 we know –
 **All: Let us live and move
 and have our being in you,
 O God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*RESPONSE 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness
 Shines on Me"

PASSING OF THE PEACE As you pass the peace, you are invited to share some of your favorite comfort items to take on a trip?

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God"
(sung, Hymn 288)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:22-28

SERMON "Love is not the easy thing"

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
AND OURSELVES

RESPONSE ACTIVITY Unpacking our prayers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND 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 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.

SENDING

SENDING SONG "Walk On"

And love is not the easy thing
The only baggage that you can bring
And love is not the easy thing
The only baggage you can bring
Is all that you can't leave behind
And if the darkness is to keep us apart
And if the daylight feels like it's a long way off
And if your glass heart should crack

And for a second you turn back
Oh no, be strong
Walk on, walk on
What you got they can't steal it
No, they can't even feel it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight
You're packing a suitcase for a place none
of us has been
A place that has to be believed to be seen
You could have flown away
A singing bird in an open cage
Who will only fly, only fly for freedom
Walk on, walk on
What you've got they can't deny it
Can't sell it, or buy it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight
And I know it aches
And your heart it breaks
And you can only take so much
Walk on
walk on
Home, hard to know what it is if you've
never had one
Home, I can't say where it is but I know
I'm going home
That's where the hurt is
And I know it aches
And your heart it breaks
And you can only take so much
Walk on
Leave it behind
You've got to leave it behind
All that you fashion
All that you make
All that you build
All that you break
All that you measure
All that you steal
All this you feel
All that you reason
All that you care (It's only time)
And I'll never fill up all my mind
All that you sense
All that you speak
All you dress up

And all that you scheme
All you create
All that you wreck
All that you hate

*CHARGE AND
BENEDICTION

...We go out in peace,
**To love,
to serve,
to imagine.**

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