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**Worship**

September 30, 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

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# WORSHIP

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 10, 2023 · 11:15 AM

*Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.*

*\* 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 410

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

**God does not bind us to our regrets.**

Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

**God says, come and follow!**

Know forgiveness and sin no more.

**Love abounds.**

**And Justice shall be manifest!**

Wherever new life is desired,

**may the peace of Christ**

**be welcomed among us.**

Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

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 one or two words that help you answer the question "How do I imagine God?"*

**PROCLAMATION**

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

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 2:1-10  
*In this text, we see the actions of three brave women: Moses's mother, Moses's sister, and Pharaoh's daughter. The text will be read three times. Each time, see if you can hear it from the perspective of a different woman in the story.*

SERMON "Imagination as Resistance"

**RESPONSE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
AND OURSELVES

RESPONSE ACTIVITY Prayers in Community

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**

\*CLOSING HYMN 375 "Shall We Gather at the River?"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING ...We go out in peace,  
**To love, to serve, to imagine.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

