



“God sent me before you to preserve life.”

- Genesis 45:5

**August 16, 2020**

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 133*

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

**People: It is like the dew of the morning which falls upon beloved mountains.**

Leader: God has ordained a blessing on this precious land.

**People: God gives life forevermore.**

HYMN

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (#557)*

Charles Dickerson

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

by John de Gruchy,  
South Africa, 20th century

**Unison: Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mark Roulette

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

April Herron

ANTHEM

*“Amazing Grace”*

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph reveals his identity.

Mark Roulette

SERMON

*“Surprise Beginning”*

April Herron

HYMN

*“Here I Am Lord” (#593)*

Charles Dickerson

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwelt in dark and sin, my hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals

Teresa James – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals

Zach Provost – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals

Jack Sollecito – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director

Kristin Rekse, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.

Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor

Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian