

SUMMER WORSHIP

July 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.



GATHERING

Hymn 411

God Is Here Today/Dios está aquí
sung in Spanish by choir, then English by all

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

Call to Worship

Col. 1:15, 19

Christ is the image of the invisible God;
In him the fullness of God came to dwell!
On *this* day: let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound in welcome!
On *this* day: Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply!
Be *this* the eternal song, through all the ages long:
On *this* day: may Jesus Christ be praised!

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDA ANIMA

*Confession and Pardon

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
to offer sanctuary and welcome to all in need of safe dwelling,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit.
Give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others,
to live as a servant people committed to hospitality and welcome,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**
(Silent Prayers of Confession)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Beloved, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-8; Psalm 15

On this day the LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

**O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;**

He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

**In whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

**O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

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Sermon

“Is Our House in Order?”

Rev. Dr. Bridgett Green

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commands, we violate the image of God in others and
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to God’s care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. arr. M. Hogan
 On the mountain, my Lord spoke; out of his mouth came fire and smoke;
 down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.
 Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul;
 all around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

**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 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.**

Offerings

of community life, tithes and offerings, and music

*Three Short Songs of Invitation
 (all may sing as invited)*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; (Hymn 399)
 God's love is strong, and it never ends.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true; (Hymn 695)
 Change my heart, O God; make me more like you.
 You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me – this is what I pray.

**Be present at our table, Lord; OLD HUNDREDTH
 be here and everywhere adored; J. Cennick (1741)
 Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
 may feast in paradise with thee.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn 301 Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS
stanzas 1 and 2 – choir
stanzas 3, 4, and 5 – all

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary Be Present at Our Table, Lord J. Walther