

**Order of Worship May 30, 2021**  
**The Beginning: Mark 1:1-11**

*Preservice song: **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

Holy God,  
We long for your peace, and trust in your promise;  
we hear your call to turn toward you,  
to change our lives and welcome you in.

Meet us here and fill  
our minds with your wisdom  
and our hearts with your peace,  
that our worship together  
may open us to the challenge  
of your dream of wholeness for all.  
In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray.

**Amen!**

**Call to Worship**

God has set this day before us,  
**a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**  
God has set our lives before us,  
**a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**  
God has set His seal upon our hearts,  
**so that we might live fully in deep love.**  
Let us worship God.

*Song: **Forever** (Chris Tomlin)*

**God's Greeting**

*Songs: **Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**Our God***

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,  
how many John the Baptists,  
how many prophets of your light,  
have we ignored

because they were not what we were looking for?  
How many times have we ignored voices  
crying in the wilderness,  
"Make straight the way of the Lord."  
How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief,  
and turned our backs on your messengers,  
because they did not speak the message  
we expected to hear?  
**Help us hear anew,  
the cry of those who would lead us to Christ.  
Tune our ears to your heralds,  
that we might also testify to your light. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

May the God of peace sanctify you completely.  
And may your whole spirit, soul, and body  
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The one who calls you is faithful.  
**It is the Lord who will do this.**

*Song: **This is My Father's World***

**Children's Blessing  
Prayer of Illumination and reading of Scripture  
Sermon**

*Song of Response: **At the Name of Jesus***

**Prayers of the People**

**God's Parting Blessing**

*Song: **Salvation Belongs to Our God***

**Offerings at the door:**