

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

Gathering Song: Come to the Table

Welcome (Sherry)

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

Come, all who are weary, all who are carrying burdens so heavy

**Jesus will give us rest**

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

**Christ will give us peace**

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus

**For our Savior will give us rest in our souls**

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

**Let us worship God!**

Opening Song: Hope of the Nations

God's Greeting (Chad)

Greet Each Other

Time of Praise:

In Christ Alone

What a Beautiful Name

Prayer of Confession: (Sherry)

Gracious and loving God, you invite us to your table, and into your family, yet we resist your grace. We think we don't deserve your love, or we hope that we can earn your love if we work hard enough. You invite others to the table as well—sometimes people whom we do not see as worthy, and sometimes people who make us feel unworthy ourselves. We put up barriers in places where you long to create circles of love and faith. Forgive us for resisting your grace, and for making it difficult for others to experience your grace. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all people in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Lament: The City is Alive O God

Words of Assurance: (Sherry)

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

**While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one.

**He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God.**

To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation.

**Thanks be to God!**

Song of Praise: The Lamb Has Overcome

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination (Anna Wildeboer)

Scripture Reading: March 14:12-26

Sermon: (Rachel)

Song of Response: Table of Plenty

Congregational Prayer (Chad?)

Song: We Will Feast

God's Parting Blessing (Chad)

Song: The Blessing