

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Pre-Service: God of All Nations

Welcome

Call to Worship

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

Your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We celebrate your incredible love today.

Opening Song: Psalm 121 I Lift My Eyes Up

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Song of Praise: It is Good to Sing Thy Praises (Hennie Leenstra)
King of Kings

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times seem just impossible for us. But we know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (inspired by Matthew 19:26, Psalm 139, Romans 8:31-39)

For nothing is impossible with God.

There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.

There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

You are reconciled to God.

Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Baptism of Spencer Ryan Peterson

Song: God Claims You

Song of Response: 10,000 Reasons

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: Harness Your Reactions for Good

Song of Response: Oceans

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. Woody Nook Ministries

2. World Renew

Offertory: Cornerstone

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Until that Day Comes