

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

**Called together by God, we bring our our songs, our hearts, our prayers,
our lives.**

In love and joy God calls us together.

Let us worship God.

Opening Song: God is Here (LUYH 246)

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Time of Praise:

God of All Nations

O How Good It Is

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance and call to Holy Living: Ephesians 4:32 - 5:1

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven.

Let us follow Christ's example and walk in the way of love.

Song of Dedication: O Give Thanks

Children's Blessing

Prayer

Scripture: 1 John 4:10-21

Sermon: **Reaching In toward Each Other: Our Home is Love**

Song of Response: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. Woody Nook Ministries

2. World Renew

Offertory: Let It Be So With Your Church O God)

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: Build Your Kingdom Here