

# Worship – August 30 , 2020

Pastor Alaire Willits

## Music as We Gather

### Welcome, Joys and Concerns

#### Call to Worship based on Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth, For God is found among us.  
Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is here among us.  
Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.  
Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.<sup>1</sup>

#### Opening Hymn Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a liv-ing sanctuary for you.

### Prayer of Confession

God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand.

Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger.

Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by "polite" society.

Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment; to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. Hear our prayers.

*Silent reflection time*

### Words of Assurance

Christ calls each of us into lives of service and hope. He equips us for these ministries and places us on the pathways of peace. Rejoice! You are called by God's Son and blessed by him. AMEN.

### Scripture

Matt 16: 21-28

### Morning Reflection Pastor Alaire

*Building Block*

### Hymn of Response Make me a servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayers of my heart always be make me a servant, make me a servant make me a servant today

### Dedicating Ourselves & Our Gifts.

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered and all the people here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation and world.<sup>2</sup>

We pray together in our hearts as Jesus' taught, Our Father...

### Song to Send Us Out a capella

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together in love.

## **Blessing and Going Forth**

Jesus has called you and placed his trust in you. Go into this world, bearing the words of hope and healing. Reach out to others in compassion. For it is Jesus' name, that you are sent out live, and love, and laugh, and serve. AMEN<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup><http://rev-o-lution.org/> <sup>2</sup>Ministry Matters

## **Mission Projects**

See Sue for a list of items needed to complete out 75+ school kits.

September focus are personal dignity kits (PDK). A list is in the tub up front, and in the newsletter.

## **Prayer concerns:**

Take a moment at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays and join others in prayer. Sept. 3, include our military families.

Others concerns:

All those rebuilding their lives after severe storms have wrecked havoc. Our school teachers, staff, students and their families.