

August 21, 2022

Order of Worship

9:30am

An asterisk () indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in BOLD are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome

Deacon

Prelude

Diapason Movement
John Keeble (1711-1786)

Norman McFarlane

Responsive Call to Worship

Deacon

One: God of unfailing love, we come to worship and to give our heartfelt thanks to God.

All: We give thanks that we have been blessed by your grace and compassionate care.

One: God of all faithfulness, we come in reverence to sing our songs of praise to God.

All: We sing of your care, as throughout all the ages you have listened and blessed us.

One: God of enduring promises that are always to be trusted; as is the honor of God's holy name, and so we come to worship and give thanks for God's liberating mercies.

All: In reverent awe, we humbly respond to God's holiness even as we acknowledge our need for God's presence in our life, and for God's right hand to guide and save us. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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(Deacons will collect Joy/Concern cards at this time.)

Scripture

As we hear the words of scripture.

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

I Samuel 8: 4-20

Mark 3: 20-35

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Sermon Message

Rev. Dr. Donique McIntosh

*Hymn

Who is My Mother? Who is My Brother

Prayers of the People for the World

Rev. Dr. McIntosh

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. McIntosh

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

For Everyone Born

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmUIjvzRaI4>

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. McIntosh

Minister: As we depart from this gathering, let us carry forth the words of God and the actions that you have heard about be your guide to Living in Faith. Amen.

***Parting Song**

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

(modified)

**God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Go Forth in Faith
Franklin Ritter

Norman McFarlane

Our guest minister for today is Rev. Dr. Donique McIntosh. Dr. McIntosh is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. A proud graduate of Fisk University, she went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt Divinity School, and a doctorate in social justice education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She has served as an associate minister at several churches and as bridge pastor at Center Church in Hartford, CT. Prior to serving as bridge pastor, she led the Southern New England Conference's justice-related work as Minister for Racial and Relational Justice and Team Leader after having been ordained to that position. She consulted with the former Connecticut Conference, the national setting of the UCC on the development of social justice curricula, trained church leaders around the country on doing social justice ministry, served on the Justice and Witness Ministry Team of the Chicago Association and on the planning committee of the African American Women in Ministry Conference. Her calling to advocate for social justice has led her to colleges, non-profits, national conferences, state legislative offices, and the White House. She has published in scholarly journals and the Huffington Post. She currently serves as the Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford.
