

Gather

PRELUDE *Mother Earth* [Tom Rush]

Pentecostal Pickers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING *What Have They Done to the Rain?*

[Malvina Reynolds]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Shea Will

Praise be to God,

**who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

**through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.**

Praise be to the Spirit of God,

**whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Behold! I am making all things new!

Come, O God, and make your home among us.

Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

***OPENING HYMN (#106 Red)** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING SONG *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Terry Ebner

Children are invited to attend Church School.

Center

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 3:1-6 (NT. p. 304) Linda Zimmerman

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

SERMON Defiant Hope - Christian Witness in a time of Climate Crisis

Rev. Dr. Jim Antal

MUSIC MEDITATION

Share

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dana Allen Walsh

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation; both joys and concerns, blessing and worries. If you are new, or feel new, we also invite you to introduce yourself. As a community, we seek to hold each other in the light of God's love. If you prefer to write your prayer, there are blue prayer cards in your pew that you can fill out and place in the offering plate.

A SONG OF PRAYER *Christ My Hope, and Christ My Joy*

[Taizé]

Christ my hope, and Christ my joy,

Christ my strength, and my light

Christ my confidence alone,

In you I trust and have no fear,

In you I trust and have no fear.

QUIET PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

Alex Shea Will

OFFERTORY *May I Suggest* [Susan Werner]

***SUNG RESPONSE**

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Linda Zimmerman

***CLOSING HYMN** *Garden Song* [David Mallett]

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Bless

***BENEDICTION**

Jim Antal

***POSTLUDE** *What a Wonderful World*

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathy to Polly, Duncan and family on the death of Polly's father **Don Bergreen** on April 9th.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in loving memory of **Marjorie W. Emmons**, the best mother, mother-in-law and grandmother anyone could ever hope for, by Joanne, Ron, and Jessie Smith.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Deacon: Linda Zimmerman/ **Trustee:** Kathleen Curry/ **Head Ushers:** Lynda & Roy Paris / **Flower Deliverers:** David Keene, Nancy Schmehl / **Sound:** Tom Appleton / **Flower Arranger:** Carolyn Gray / **Pentecostal Pickers:** Chris Boehmer, Barbara Holbrook, Steve Longo, Ed Parker, Rob Thomas

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

All Members are Ministers / Dana Allen Walsh, Senior Pastor / Alex Shea Will, Associate Pastor / Sherry Tupper, Minister of Visitation / Terry Ebner, Minister of Spiritual Formation / Jenn Murray, Student Minister/Youth Program Coordinator / Linda Francalancia Hacker, Administrator / Jeffrey Cutts, Jr., Minister of Music / Joanne Smith, Financial Administrator / Nora Pelt, Communications Administrator / Wally Brousseau, Facilities Manager

* All who are able, please stand.