Gather

PRELUDE *I Hear a Call* [Emmylou Harris]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Alex Shea Will

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING World of Wonder [Darrell Scott]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherry Tupper

(written by Jane O. Sorenson)

Loving God, we come to you for truth

That we might see clearly and that we might understand.

We come to you for comfort, that we might be sustained and that we might be understood.

We come to you for challenge,

that we might be reminded that

our ways are not your ways and that we can change.

We come to you, Holy One. We come to you.

*OPENING HYMN (#361 Red) How Firm a Foundation **OPENING PRAYER**

Center

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-30

Emily O'Hara

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

SERMON The Poetry of the Heart

Mark Bohrer

MUSIC MEDITATION

Share

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Alex Shea Will

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation; both joys and concerns, blessings 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 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place, Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Terry Ebner

OFFERTORY Across the Universe [Lennon/McCartney]

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ve heav'nly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Emily O'Hara

*CLOSING HYMN (#412 Red) Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

Bless

*BENEDICTION Alex Shea Will

***POSTLUDE** *I'm Working on a Building* [Traditional]

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathy to Nancy and Don Miller on the death of Nancy's sister Maria Bailey on July 24 in Milton, FL.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by the Memorial Flower Fund in memory of Nellie E. Berry.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Deacons: Emily O'Hara, Shad Flaig, Dave Floreen / Fellowship: Abouriaily Family / Flower Arranger: Mary Bambury / Flower Deliverers: Shad Flaig, Kathy Schuck / Greeters: Alison & Wayne Shaw / Sound Tech.: Ted Harris / Trustee: Dave Jagger / Head Ushers: Emily Appleton / Pentecostal Pickers: Chris Boehmer, Laine Cutts, Barbara Holbrook, Steve Longo, Rob Thomas

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Sr. Pastor Dana Allen Walsh is on maternity leave until September.

All who are able, please stand.