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"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m. Beacon Worship

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# **Beacon Worship**

\*Worship Song
"Rest On Us"

Welcome and Announcements

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Caroline McClure

Prayers of the People

**Worship Song** 

"Holy Spirit"

\*Giving of Ourselves and Our Gifts

"I Speak Jesus"

(Note: near the end of the song, the Congregation is invited to stand as we present ourselves and our gifts to God).

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 8:34-38

#### Sermon

"What Do You Live For?"

#### Great Thanksgiving Prayer

All are invited to the table of the Lord.

We serve by intinction, (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup and then partake), or by using prepackaged communion elements.

Those unable to come forward raise your hand & a pastor will bring communion to you.

\*\*After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers.

Offerings left on the altar table go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund used primarily to assist the needy.

#### **Communion Song**

"It Is Well"

### \*Sending Forth

"Build My Life"

### \*Dismissal with Blessing

Go now in the grace and peace of God the Father, the love of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit... to leave this building and be the church!

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\* Anointing stations: [ill Droze, Andrea, and David Wilmoth

#### Reflection Questions & Notes

What things are you pursuing in your life that are keeping you from taking up

your cross and gaining life as God intends?

2. When has your soul felt crushed, and when has it felt lifted?

3. What important life lessons did you learn only later in life when you were ready? What lessons could you have only learned the hard way?

4. What private spiritual practices will you work on more diligently?