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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



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21st Sunday after Pentecost
8:25 a.m. Worship

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8:25 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements



Prelude "Great Is The Lord"

Jeanine Jackson

*Call to Worship

Lord, You have welcomed us, saying,

"I know you by name, and you have found favor with Me."

Lord, You have promised us,

"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Lord, You have blessed us, saying,

"I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you."

Lord, You have humbled us, saying, the words of our mouths

"I will proclaim My holy name in your presence."

Lord, show us Your glory! We worship You!

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH #103

*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, You are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with Your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do Your will. May Your Spirit empower us to imitate You: by receiving those who feel judged and rejected, by walking alongside those who despair, by encouraging those who tend to the broken, by affirming those who labor in love through Christ, who calls us by name. Amen

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

Ministry Moment

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Sally Sanino

Anthem

"Sing Alleluia & Holy Ground"

Children's Choir

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon

"Cleft Notes"

Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH #361

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

UMH#880

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards



Offertory Song

"Be Still"

Choir

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

UMH #731

Postlude

"Guide My Feet"

FWS #2208

"Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)"

** Please stand as you are able.*