

**Sunday, July 9th, 2023**

Worship Leader: Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander

Greetings, Caring, Sharing

Christ Candle

Call to Worship

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds VU 344

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 45 VU 769

Scripture

Zechariah 9:9-12

Matthew 11:16-30

Arden Anthem: Simon, Simon, a Fisherman

Henderson and Mountian Grove Hymn:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664

Sermon: Fruit of Discipleship

Offertory Hymn: Grant Us, God, the Grace VU 540

Offering Dedication

Prayers of the People and Lords Prayer VU 960

Hymn: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound VU 266

Benediction