

August 14, 2022

11 a.m.

Flowers Given By: Kathy and Steve Combs in honor of their daughter
Elizabeth Vera, who is being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus
Lauren Patsos, Soprano

arr. Moses Hogan

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Centuries ago, the Psalmist sang,

Many: **How very good it is to move from “me” to “we”.**

One: How very good it is to be connected to others.

Many: **It is like being drenched with refreshing and renewing water on a hot Florida day.**

One: It is like coming awake from the sleep of feeling lost or lonely or left out.

Many: **Here in this place, we celebrate a community where we are known and loved fully for who we are. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other*

#388

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.**

**God, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; God! Free us, make us one!**

*OPENING PRAYER

Collaborative, cooperative, communal God, we know that from the beginning Creation was a committee event. You said, “Let us make humankind in *our* image.” You did not work as a soloist, but as part of a collective. You have continually sought a relationship with us. Yet, we wander away. You knew it was not good for us to be alone and made a helper and partner, but we still see asking for help as a sign of weakness. We know that truth we need *more than* just a little help from our friends. We give thanks for people who receive us as we are. We are grateful for those who give us the priceless gift of listening to

us. We celebrate those we know who don't try to fix, or advise, or save us. May our worship honor our soul friends who embody Your love in their words, actions, and very presence. In the name of the One who gathered twelve friends in his journey, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Shepherd, Lead

#774

**Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
Make your way plain before my face. For it is you, God,
you, God only, who makes me to lie down in safety.**

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 18:1-11

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ² Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³ Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴ Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David and his armor and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵ David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. ⁶ As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands." ⁸ Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹ So Saul eyed David from that day on. ¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand, ¹¹ and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

SERMON

Moving from "Me" to "We", Part Two

ANTHEM

If God Be For Us

Clifford McCormick

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

*CLOSING HYMN

What a Covenant

#471

**What a covenant, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms.

I have blessed peace with my Savior near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra