

October 23, 2022

11 a.m.

Flowers Given By: **Phil Swain**, in loving memory of family members, **Gib & Jeannie Mitchell**, in loving memory of Gib's brother Larry, **Jeannie Mitchell**, in honor of Gib's 85th birthday, **Chuck Jarmin**, in memory of Joe Heckman, **Chris Bruenneman**, in memory of Gerri Balsamo

PRELUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Moses Hogan

Lauren Patsos, soprano

CALL to WORSHIP

One: For stories we tell that tether our lives to others,

Many: We give thanks to the One who is the author of life.

One: For the on-going, collaborative, cooperative work of writing new chapters,

Many: We give thanks to the One who inspires and infuses our sacred imaginations.

One: For the messy work of editing our first and second and third drafts of life,

Many: We give thanks to the One who lovingly re-authors our story every Sunday.

One: May the Good News of God's presence fill us this day.

Many: May this moment reverberate in our hearts every day this week. Alleluia and Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story
(vs. 1 & 4 only)

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**I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

Refrain **I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song
will be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

*OPENING PRAYER

God, we love to tell the story of Your endless love. We love to sing, pray, and live the truth that You are not finished with any of us yet. We confess that we are not always sure we know where the plot line is going in the uncertainty of today. Our stories each day don't often have a neat and tidy happy ending. Even in the messiness of unknown-ness, You are there. We give thanks for stories that inspire us to live differently. We give thanks for the gift of storytellers that stir our souls and warm our hearts. Thank you for this holy moment to listen, learn, and leave this place ready to share Your grace and love. In the name of the One who loved to tell stories and shared his life with others, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Glorious is your name, O Jesus, praises to your name.

Oh, glorious and righteous and holy is your name. Oh, glorious is your name.

I feel your presence in this place, your Spirit makes me whole; I can feel your warm embrace and all the joy within my soul,

Oh, glorious is your name, Oh, glorious is your name.

SERMON

Valerie Tutson, storyteller

ANTHEM

Rise, Shine
Lynne Woodman, piano

Marques Garrett

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 *Walking in the Light*

**Walking in the light, beautiful light;
Ain't it wonderful how the light shines
Walking in the light, beautiful light;
Ain't it wonderful how the light shines**

**Trusting in the light, beautiful light;
Ain't it wonderful how the light shines
Trusting in the light, beautiful light;
Ain't it wonderful how the light shines**

Singing in the Light.....

Jesus is the Light.....

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter