

For Prayer & Contemplation

“You mistake. God does destroy sin; he is always destroying sin. In him I trust that he is destroying sin in me. He is always saving the sinner from his sins, and that is destroying sin.” - *George MacDonald*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Steal Away” - arr. Callahan - *Linda Richardson*, flute

Call to Worship (*written by Katherine Hawker, liturgyoutside.net*)

One: The world is hard
Our losses real
Our grief tangible
Our fear palpable

All: Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

One: The world is heavy
Our anxiety clawing
Our confusion large
Our responsibility tenuous

All: Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

One: The world is mystery
Our faith rooting
Our hope kindling
Our love blossoming

All: Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of your call.

***Hymn No. 352** “My Lord, What A Morning”

Prayer of Confession (*written by Stephen M. Fearing*)

Holy God,
we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place.
We have not led a blameless life.
We have not done what is right in your sight
or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.
We have done evil to both those we love
and to those we refuse to love as we should.
We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been
blessed
and have hoarded that which should be shared
with the least of these.

Redeeming God,
save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom.
Gather us in your righteousness and redemption...

Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation.
Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (*written by Stephen M. Fearing*)
Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling,
God came to dwell with us
through the body and being of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.
Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.
Hear the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Hymn No. 643** (v.3) “Now Thank We All Our God”
“All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, who
is, and shall be evermore.”

***Passing of Peace**
One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Time with Children

Scripture James 1:17-27 PG #: NT 229 • LP 278

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Paring” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Westminster Catechism*)
One: What is the chief and highest end of humanity?
All: Humanity’s chief and highest end is to glorify the Lord,
and fully to enjoy God forever.

Leadership Moment *Betsy Wriggins*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give
you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless
them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Meg, Gorman, the family of Ginnie, MaryPat, Heather, Cheryl, Jeff,
Joanna, Timmy, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, Irv, William,
Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas*

The 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.

***Hymn No. 708** “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 742** “We Will Walk with God”
“We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go
rejoicing till the kingdom has come.”

Postlude “Fantasia on ‘Moscow/Italian Hymn”
(Come, Thou Almighty King) - Moore

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist • Jen Hwang
Ushers • Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell
Coffee Hour Host • Darlene Jacobson



Music Notes

Today's prelude is an African American spiritual arranged by Charles Callahan. The postlude is Philip Moore's 2016 arrangement of the hymn tune "Italian Hymn," also known as "Moscow." This tune is an adaptation from a composition by Felice de Giardini, who was born in 1716 in Turin and died in 1796 in Moscow. We thank Linda Richardson for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> August 29-September 5	
<i>Sunday</i> August 29	10 AM Worship Service
<i>Monday</i> August 30	
<i>Tuesday</i> August 31	
<i>Wednesday</i> September 1	
<i>Thursday</i> September 2	
<i>Friday</i> September 3	
<i>Saturday</i> September 4	
<i>Sunday</i> September 5	10 AM Worship Service 2 PM Deacons Meeting

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