

September 17, 2023—10:00 am Service of Worship

Introit 398

“How Very Good and Pleasant”
Congregation sings 2nd time

Welcome

Pastor Bob & Pastor Julie

Prelude

Prelude on “Morning Has Broken”
Phil Batchelder, organ

Call to Worship

Carolyn Brown

One: See how good, how pleasant it is to be together as one!

**ALL: It is like the precious oil on the head,
like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.**

One: God gathers us from many places

ALL: as one great fellowship of love throughout the earth.

Gathering Hymn 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
Phil Batchelder, organ

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Pastor Julie

Sung Prayer for Illumination

“Rain Down”
Mennonite group leads

Scripture Reading Psalm 133 | The Inclusive Bible

Scott Connolly

¹See how good, how pleasant it is

for God’s people to live together as one!

²It is like precious oil on Aaron’s head

running down on his beard

running down to the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,

falling on the hills of Zion.

For that is where YHWH bestows the blessing—

life that never ends.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on the Word

Pastor Bob

Invitation to Reconciliation

Carolyn Brown

Sung Prayer of Reconciliation 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Phil Batchelder, organ

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Carolyn Brown

Passing the Peace

Scott Connolly

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Scott Connolly

Anthem

"Sing Unto God a New Song"

Combined Choir

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Julie

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

For the hurts we cause others, forgive us.

To forgive those who have hurt us, empower us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Our Life Together (announcement about meal & prayer for meal)

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn 538

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Blessing

Pastor Bob and Pastor Julie

Postlude

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" reprise

Phil Batchelder, organ