



ORDER OF SERVICE July 18, 2021

PRELUDE *Processional of Joy* Hal H. Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rob Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins

Leader: Welcome, welcome into God's presence!
People: We come seeking the presence of the Lord.
Leader: Welcome, welcome into God's presence!
People: We come with open hearts and open minds,
eager to hear the Word of the Lord.
Leader: Welcome, welcome into God's presence!
People: We come, giving thanks to God that God welcomes all.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* Rogers/Wyse
Lynne DiMarco, solo

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Good and gracious God,
you welcome us
into your loving presence.
You welcome us
into your loving embrace
regardless of who we are,

regardless of what we have done,
regardless of what we have not done.
You welcome us,
but we find it a stretch to welcome others.
We create conditions and checklists,
accepting some and rejecting others.
Remove our blinders, God,
that we might see others
through your eyes,
welcoming all,
equally,
and without condition. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kim Tucker

OFFERING including Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 15:25-32

SERMON The Empty Chair

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Galatians 3: 26-29*

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES, OTHERS, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Only Hope
Lynne DiMarco, solo

Jon Foreman

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E Wagner

Acolyte Schedule:

July 18 Sophia Messina

July 25 Ruby Wallace

PRAYER LIST

Elizabeth King
Warner Marshall
David Stephens
Leeland Kelly
Susie Oehler

Ann Brown
Joann Reid
Zander Robertson
Eve Cooper

Kenneth Helms
Barbara Krady
Michael Rhodes
Faith Toc

Bernice Martin
Ronald Stephens
Mike Maddux
Jack Pirrello