WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Carmen Shelly, worship leader

*HYMN #90 For the fruit of all creation

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-7

CONFESSION**

Leader: Dear God, sometimes we feel afraid.

All: Give us your spirit of power. (Silent prayer)

Leader: Sometimes we feel upset.

All: Give us your spirit of love. (Silent prayer)

Leader: Sometimes we feel confused.

All: Give us your spirit of self-control. (Silent prayer)

Leader: Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in us.

All: Amen.

SUNG ASSURANCE (repeat as directed)



PEP TALK WITH COACH KATIE SOWERS

SONG

(Something inside) so strong*** Labi Siffre Abby Banning, soloist; Connie Banning, pianist

The higher you build your barriers/The taller I become
The farther you take my rights away/The faster I will run
You can deny me/You can decide to turn your face away/ No matter

(Refrain) Something inside so strong/I know that I can make it Tho' you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone/Oh no
Something inside so strong/something inside so strong

The more you refuse to hear my voice/The louder I will sing You hide behind walls of Jericho/Your lies will come tumbling Deny my place in time/You squander wealth that's mine My light will shine so brightly/It will blind you (Refrain)

Brothers and sisters/When they insist we're just not good enough When we know better/Just look 'em in the eyes and say We're gonna do it anyway [x4] (Refrain)

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER #803

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor <u>before</u> the worship service.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.



Worship notes:

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

Today's confession was written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Practicing Families. http://practicingfamilies.com/

***(Something inside) so strong was written by Labi Siffre in 1984. It was inspired by a television documentary on Apartheid South Africa, in which white soldiers were filmed shooting at black civilians in the street. This song was also influenced by Siffre's experience growing up as someone who identified as gay.

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