WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

Andy Shelly, worship leader

I sing the mighty power of God

Steve Goeke and Jesse Graber

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

SPECIAL MUSIC

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12 Double Header

God of grace and God of glory

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

HYMN #366

*HYMN #46

PRELUDE

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jane Quick Phil Dunn and Rachel Perisho

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All: We freely receive you, as Christ has received us. We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, and service. We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual home at Rainbow, and in our mission to the world.

Leader: May we commit ourselves anew to follow Jesus Christ, through whom God has made friends with the world and in whose name we share the work of reconciliation.

All: Amen.

LICENSING TOWARD ORDINATION FOR DAVID RICHARDSON-SPAITE Led by Western District Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider

All: Lord of creation, Lord of the church, we bless you for the gifts you give to all whom you have made, and which you call forth through your Spirit for the sake of the kingdom. Thank you for David, for your Spirit's work in his life, for his seeking of your will above all else. Grant David a discerning heart, confidence in your call, strength and joy in the tasks of ministry now set before him. Make us partners with David in ministry, constant in support, gentle in criticism, prayerful in all things. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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 Offertory:

Congregation join on stanza 3:

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you, Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

*HYMN #420

Heart with loving heart united

*POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal. As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive. Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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