

May 14, 2023

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ben Parker Sutter, worship leader

*HYMN VT 88

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILD BLESSING AND DEDICATION-Simone Vernita Pauls

Introductions, Parental Commitment, Blessing and Community Commitment

Leader: Nikki and Brian, you have offered CeCe to the strong and tender care of God.

All: We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of CeCe. With God as our guide, we will share in CeCe's nurture and well-being.

We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows and Christ may be known.

Our prayers are with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help you grow as a family in faithfulness and joy.

Simone or "CeCe" was born August 7, 2018, to parents Brian and Nikki Pauls. Today we also recognize CeCe's older sister Yiyi Pauls as well as Grandparents Janice Pauls & Joe and Norma DeSimone

RESPONSE HYMN VT 508 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Ubi Caritas* arr. Thatcher
Duane Graber, Mitch Kaufman, Andy Shelly, Mike Peters

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:22-27 Thuy Uhlenhuth

SERMON Sarah Neher

HYMN VT #420 *God of the Bible*
Refrain after st. 1,4,5 only

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

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

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 522

O Blessed Spring

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem: *Ubi Caritas et Amor* arr. by Charles Thatcher

Ubi Caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. (*Where charity and love are, God is there*)

The love of Christ has gathered us together into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
And love each other from the depths of our hearts.

Therefore when we are together,
Let us take heed not to be divided in mind.
Let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels, and end to strife,
And in our midst be Christ our God.

And, in company with the blessed,
May we see your face in glory, Christ our God.
Pure and unbounded joy
For ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

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