

October 22, 2023

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, worship leader

*HYMN VT 4

Christ is Our Cornerstone

WE LISTEN, LEARN, and DEDICATE

MOMENT OF WONDER

Child Blessing - Evelyn Mwangura

Parental Commitment/Membership - Blessing - Community Commitment

Evelyn Kudakwashe was born October 23, 2019, to parents Joseph and Sara Mwangura. Today we also recognize Evelyn's older sister Liliana Nyasha Mwangura who was dedicated at Rainbow on April 5, 2015.

Leader: Joseph and Sara, you are offering Evelyn to the strong and tender care of God.

All: We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of Evelyn. With God as our guide, we will share in Evelyn'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.

Hymn VT 752

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE

God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ...renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness. -Excerpt from Ephesians 4 (Common English Bible)

ANTHEM

Lord, whose love in humble service

arr. Proulx
Nancy Bosché, timpani

SERMON

Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 535

Today We Sing with Thankfulness

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

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: *Longing for Light*, arr. Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 201

Hear the Turmoil of the Nations

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text: *Lord, whose love in humble service* Text by Albert F. Bayly
Musical setting by Richard Proulx

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who did on the cross forsaken show us mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light,
Till the height and depth and greatness dawns upon our human sight:
Marking known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to faithful service, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship into service forth in your great name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give
That your children, Lord, in freedom, may your mercy know and live.

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