

**August 11, 2024**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**

**Author conversation and art project 10:45 am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Lonnie Buerge, worship leader

\*HYMN VT 103

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

The first and last hymns in the service today are the first hymns in the *Chalice Hymnal* of the Disciples of Christ and the United Methodist Hymnal.

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Sara Mwangura and Alison Bush

MUSICAL SHARING

Elwanda C. Richardson

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-2

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter.

SERMON

Ruth Harder

REFLECTION

Lonnie Buerge

\*HYMN (see next page)

*Give Thanks for Life*

## **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**

*If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

**\*HYMN VT 764**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*You are invited to stand**

# Give thanks for life

SINE NOMINE 10 10 10 with hallelujahs

Unison

1 Give thanks for life, the mea- sure of our days;  
2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
3 And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet  
caught from the Christ-flame, burst - ing through the night, who  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a  
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:  
touched the truth, who burned for what is right: hal -  
love not changed by time or death or dread:  
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain:

- le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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