

Sunday September 22, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Way-Maker

(originally by Sinach)

CHORUS:

**You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You. (REPEAT)**

VERSE:

You are...

**Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are. (REPEAT)**

CHORUS:

**You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You.**

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 149)

One: Praise the Lord!

ALL: **Sing to the Lord a new song!**

One: Let God's people praise his name with dancing,; with the tambourine and the lyre.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House

MV 1 vs 1,2,5

**Let us build a house
Where love can dwell, and all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions**

**Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness,
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

Prayer of Approach:

Holy and loving God, we come together today to worship you, to sing your praises and to celebrate your presence in our midst. Be with us in worship, and strengthen us through worship to faithfully serve you in the world. "We ask this in Jesus' name. As he taught us, so now we pray together..."

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1 - 6

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: I Am a Child of God

MV 157

**I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

**I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.**

**I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.**

**I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace**

**I am a song of joy
I am the moment of jubilation
I am a song of you, I am a song of joy.**

Meditation: Who do you think you are?

We Respond

Musical Offering: If We Hold On Together

Offertory: Give Thanks

Give thanks, with a grateful heart,

**Give thanks, to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, I am strong.
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go

VU 639 vs 1,2,4,5

**1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:**

**And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

**2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: R**

**4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: R**

**5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 2&4

2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,

**might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**

**4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
 King of creation, giver of rest,
 firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
 Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**