

WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER II

SETTING YOUR SPACE

We're in "ordinary time." Does it feel like that to you? It's not really a description of what's happening all around us – these times feel, maybe not *extraordinary*, but at least *out of the ordinary*, in so many ways. But every year, that's the liturgical designation of the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent – "ordinary time." So, how can you make the ordinary feel sacred? What can you add to your worship space that reminds you that every day, every time you gather with community, is a day, a time, where God's spirit is also present? A candle, a photo, some element that might look "ordinary" to anyone else but is special to you?

Thanks for joining in worship, for your faithfulness to one another and to this community as a whole. Our prayer is that, even in our separate spaces, you might feel the love of God that binds us each time we gather, and carries us through the in-between times, too.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – "Joy" – Nancy McCann, Susan Chambers, Judee Kunze

Welcome – Erika Marksbury

Greeting – Kyle & Katrina Williams, Global Servants in Thailand

**Gathering Song: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation, NC #400
- Jesse Cromer & Worship Team**

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: Grace to follow Christ the Way.

Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain, tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *written by FBC Children*

– Tim Duerfeldt

Our Creator, your name is great and holy. You dwell in a place of celebration, love, and peace. You are near to us and in our hearts. Let earth be a place of kindness, hope, respect, and love, just like it is in heaven. Give us all that we need for life. Please forgive us for our mistakes and help us forgive others. And help us make good choices so that we can do what is right. God, please lead us to be our very best. Amen.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak

Scripture: Mark 3:20-27

Jesus went home, and again such a crowd gathered that he was unable even to eat a meal. When Jesus' relatives heard of this, they went out to take charge of him, thinking that he had lost his mind. The religious scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He is possessed of Beelzebul," and "He casts out demons through the ruler of demons." Summoning them, Jesus spoke in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a realm is torn by civil strife, it cannot last. If a household is divided according to loyalties, it will not survive. Similarly, if Satan has suffered mutiny in the ranks and is torn by dissension, the Devil is finished and cannot endure. No attacker can enter a stronghold unless the defender is first put under restraint. Only then can the attacker plunder the stronghold."

Sermon – "The Power of Unity in the Ranks"

Response Song: We Love Your Realm, O God, NC # 312

We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.

We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.

We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
to form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.

We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
the faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.

Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,
delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

Beyond our brokenness, we seek to know your ways
of deep communion, solemn vows, and hymns of love and praise.

We know your truth will last. We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks that help your world endure.

Sharing about Realm – Barbara Nelson

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: Open, *Blue Book*

Arms open, hands open, hearts open,
eyes open wide to the needs in this world.

Gates open, doors open, homes open,
lives open wide; come inside, welcome home.

Benediction

Postlude

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