

# **WORSHIP GUIDE for SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

## **SETTING YOUR SPACE**

Hi, Friends! I hope you've known some delight this week. On Sunday, we'll be reading about how the earth delights in God's presence – the ways echoes of God's goodness resound within creation. Whether you're coming in person or tuning in from home, spend some time before Sunday outside listening – to the wind, the birds, the rustling of the leaves, maybe even the rain (!) – and imagine what all that movement, all that noise, is saying. What do you hear? How can you enter that conversation?

And plan to stay (or come) after church, to the courtyard (or the Social Hall, if it's raining), and we'll exercise our delight muscles – playing with color and texture and shape – you can create collaborative works and your own canvas to take home. Everybody is welcome to this – hope to see you there!

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude – Muriel Dresser, Organist**

**Welcome – Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *One World (BB)***

**–Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Marilyn Dresser, Dave Ferry, Muriel Dresser**

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Christena Cleveland*  
–The Diesburg Family**

Our Father, Mother, who are in the world and surpass the world,  
blessed be your presence, in us, in animals and flowers, in still air

and wind. May justice and peace dwell among us, as you come to us. Your will be our will; You will that we be sisters and brothers and siblings, as bread is bread, water is itself, for our hunger, for quenching of thirst. Forgive us. We sometimes walk crookedly in the world, are perverse, and fail our promise. But we would be human, if only you consent to stir up our hearts. Amen.

### **Children's Time - JoAnn Sims**

#### **Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:27-34**

*In God's presence are splendor and majesty;  
In God's sanctuary, power and beauty and joy.  
Pay honor to God, you tribes of people!  
Pay tribute to the God of glory and power!  
Pay honor to the glorious name of God;  
bring out the offering,  
and carry it into God's courts.  
Worship God in the splendor of holiness!  
Tremble in God's presence, all the earth!*

*The world stands firm and unshakable:  
Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,  
say among the nations, "God reigns!"  
Let the sea roar and all that it holds!  
Let the fields exult and all that is in them!  
Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
at the presence of God,  
for God is coming, coming to reign on earth!*

*Give thanks for God's goodness;  
God's love endures forever!*

#### **Sermon: "Life Delights in Life" - Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Response Song: *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* (NC Hymnal #27)**  
**-Jesse Cromer, Marilyn Dresser, Dave Ferry, Muriel Dresser**

**Reach of Our Gifts – One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Restless Feet* (BB)**  
**-Jesse Cromer, Marilyn Dresser, Dave Ferry, Muriel Dresser**

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**  
One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

**Postlude – Muriel Dresser**

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