

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF PEACE

September 8, 2019

4:00pm

GREETING & PURPOSE TO GATHER Rev. Richard Watts

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kedron Nicholson

Leader: God who is One, You call us to be one,

PEOPLE: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

Leader: God who is Three in One, You call us to be in community.

PEOPLE: May we find community with all who are created by Your hands

Leader: God who calls us all by name,

PEOPLE: May we find our place in Your eternal family.

(We pause to recall the rich diversity of the Body of Christ)

Leader: God Almighty, today by the power of Your Spirit, we unite in prayer,

PEOPLE: We unite with all our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: We unite with sisters and brothers from all Christian churches and denominations,

PEOPLE: We unite with all who are joined by God's love and care.

Leader: We unite with followers from every church and congregation,

PEOPLE: We unite with all God's sons and daughters from every creed, culture, and nation.

*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH #519

MEDITATION FOR PEACE Dr. Bert Young

LITANY FOR PEACE Dr. Kim Erwin

MUSICAL SELECTION Choir for Peace

BLESSING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS Dr. Tim Roberts

MEDITATION FOR UNITY Rev. James Ferguson

LITANY OF UNITY Sarah Howell

MUSICAL SELECTION Choir for Unity

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER IN ONE VOICE Rev. Steve Snipes

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts.

Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection. O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is in your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.

Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

(by Thomas Merton)

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

(During this final hymn, you are invited to share in the lighting of candles, signifying our commitment to being united in love and hope for God's peace.)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Roger Hull



Childcare is provided for children under five. You may find the childcare center by exiting the sanctuary through the door to the right of the pulpit and going down two floors.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

You may take your candle home with you as a reminder of God's desire for our peace and unity or you may place it in the receptacle in the narthex to be recycled.