

August 23, 2020

11am Worship

~ WELCOME ~

Kindly silence your devices during worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE FOR PREPARATION

Dustin Lin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Joan Stott, *Timeless Psalms*

**P: We gather today knowing that we will never fully understand who we are, what we are, and where life is leading. We look to God our sure foundation, our steady rock in all the challenges of life.**

*L: Help us to embrace the mystery of God in the unknown and unknowable future.*

**P: Lead us to trust in God’s steadfast love as we face this hostile world and its destructive forces.**

*L: God, our Fortress against all that would destroy or defile us, be known to us in your grace; be for us this day the rock that anchors our lives.*

**P: Be for us our Savior and guide in life who redirects us into the path of trust in our Eternal God.**

*L: Free us from all that threatens our trust and hope in our Loving God revealed in Christ our Lord.*

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

**INSERT  
ST. ANNE**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

L: Hear the words of the gospel.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 16:13-19

**HYMN**

**“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

**INSERT  
REGENT SQUARE**

PASTORAL PRAYER  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**LORD’S PRAYER**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

L: Hear the words of the scripture.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 2:8-15

MEDITATION THROUGH MUSIC

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SERMON

Dr. Larry Dipboye  
“By What Authority?”

CONTEMPLATION

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**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”**

**INSERT  
GERMANY**

**\*GOING FORTH**

*L: Like all who have gone before us, we see in a glass darkly, and we receive the Word of God wrapped in our limited human words.*

**P: Perhaps we, too, need to meet Jesus again for the first time—in the present tense and in our place in history.**

*L: In the fear of victims, living and dying on the daily edge of violence, and in our dreams and anxieties of wonder about tomorrow,*

**P: God of steadfast love and eternal hope, open our vision to your presence in this world of religious diversity and Christian division.**

*L: Heal the wounds that your children have inflicted on one another through the ages that we may be one bound together in the love of God.*

**ALL: AMEN.**

POSTLUDE

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Postlude, to be enjoyed as you depart, extending the Grace of Christ to one another.

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

Bolded items – congregational participation requested

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