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July 30, 2023  
9:15 AM Traditional  
Worship Service



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## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith

Prelude Sing Unto the Lord (With I Will Sing of the Mercies) arr. Hayes  
Jen Ita - piano

\*Call to Worship Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Creator God, swirling, formless One,  
hovering over creation and bringing new things to life-  
**You speak new worlds into being with language that creates and liberates.**

Eternal God, living, limitless One  
inhabiting the vast universe with the rich complexity of Your being-  
**You reveal Yourself to Your creatures and invite us to know You.**

Friendly God, nurturing, welcoming One  
opening Yourself wide to the joy and pain of loving Your people-  
**You place us in communities and families that echo Your true nature.**

Holy God, You are worthy of all our praise  
**We will worship the Lord with gladness!**

\*Hymn *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Hymnal No. 150

Opening Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

**Holy God, we are hungry for more of You. We ask You to reveal Yourself to us and expand our understanding of You so that we can love You wholeheartedly, we can share You faithfully, and we can reflect Your full image to a world in need. Amen.**

Anthem *Show Me Thy Ways* Pelz  
Anna and Chris Tiesler, Laura and Peter Hesse - quartet  
Jen Ita - piano

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

First Lesson Numbers 23:7-11

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\*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Hymnal No. 454

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 22:39-42

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Response

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Mysterious God" Rev. Matthew Smith

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Matthew Smith

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Hymn *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*  
Sung to the hymntune "St. Anne" Hymnal # 117

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.  
Deep in the unfathomable mines of never-failing skill;  
He treasures up His bright designs, and works His sov'reign will.  
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.

\*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude *St. Anne* arr. Callahan  
Laura Hesse, organ

\* Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.



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### GATHER

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*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Morning Prayer Rev. Matthew Smith

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest/Greeting One Another

### GROW

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Response:

Pastor: May the Lord write these words upon our hearts. And may we seek to understand them better through our message today.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Mysterious God" Rev. Matthew Smith

### RESPOND

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Announcements and Giving Rev. Matthew Smith

### GO

Closing Song *How Great Is Our God*

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Matthew Smith