



**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

**Isaiah 43:18-21**

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

**Luke 13:18-21 (NIV)**

# - CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

**Greeters:** Sandy & John Wolfe, Elizabeth & Clair Hess, Amy Roe, Wendy & Henry Hershey

**Ushers:** Leigh Shuman, Trixi Ray, Phyllis Thompson, Mike Eyster, David Levens

## **The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:**

Jane Hartin, in memory of her grandson, Andrew M. Amspacher

## Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

*Children ages 0 to 4 are welcome to attend our nursery during the service. Children ages 5 and above may use an activity bag from the Narthex during the service and return them afterward. Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 8th.*

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.  
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We were created to glorify God!

**People: God formed us, and called us by name**

Leader: When we pass through the waters, God is with us

**People: When we pass through fire, the flame does not consume us**

Leader: Do not fear, for God is with us

**People: We will worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn #285

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

## Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Merciful God, as we seek to grow in our faithfulness to you, we are mindful of the ways we hold back. We hesitate when you call us to act, because we are afraid to fail or to look foolish. We resist growth because we prefer changes that do not require us to give anything up. We strive against others for more power, rather than relinquishing power to those who have little. Still, you have not stopped forming us. When we return to you in prayer, you speak to us. In the stillness of our spirits, we discover new enthusiasm and boldness for your ministry. Holy God, forgive us and show us the way of Jesus.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: The book of Isaiah say, "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name." Today is that day! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Vocal Solo

“Ave Maria” by F. Schubert

Abigail Martin

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:18-21

Luke 13:18-21

James Kiiru

Message

**“What’s In The Oven?”**

Will Massey

**Responding to God’s Word**

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**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 the Offering

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

*Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex*

**Going in God’s Name**

\* Closing Hymn #442

“The Church’s One Foundation”

\* Charge and Benediction

Will Massey

Postlude

\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST**

**A/V: MARK ANDERSON AND GUS BEAULIEU**

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

*A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

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**Cell Phones** should be silenced during the worship service.

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