

∞ Order of Worship ∞

September 27, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Refrain" by Brandon Heath

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of all who wander in the wilderness of this life,

**People: you go before us as beacon and guide.**

Leader: You lead us through all danger,

**People: You sustain us through all desolation,**

**All: and bring us home to the land You have prepared for us.**

PRAISE SONG "For Everyone Born" by Shirley Erena Murray

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Loving God, In the middle of our confusion about how to follow You, You bring Your Son and Spirit to us to guide us. Forgive us, Lord, when we want our way and not Yours. Show us our false pride and forgive us, so that we may repent of all conceit and arrogance. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned

**People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.**

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

**People: And lead us as we confess and repent.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 18:25-32

CHILDREN'S TIME "I Will Teach You"  
Brenda Carpenter

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray"  
Traditional, arr. by Sheldon Curry

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON "Who Is Fair?"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.**

HYMN No. 297 "I Love to Tell the Story"

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Deep River" arr. by Donald P. Moore

POSTLUDE "Epilogue" by K. Seegert

## For Everyone Born

### Verse 1:

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead,

### Chorus:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
And joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
Justice and joy!

### Verse 2:

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong,

### Chorus

### Verse 3:

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
For just and unjust, a new way to live,

### Chorus

### Verse 4:

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free,

### Chorus (2x)

## I Love to Tell the Story

### Verse 1:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

### Refrain:

I love to tell the story!  
'Twill be my theme in glory –  
To tell the old, old story  
O Jesus and His love.

### Verse 2:

I love to tell the story – 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

### Refrain

### Verse 3:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

### Refrain

Text: A. Catherine Hankey  
Music: William G. Fischer

**PNC Update:** The PNC wants the congregation to know that we have two pastoral candidates that we are excited about and who are interested in our pastoral position. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic travel and quarantine restrictions, we have been frustrated in our attempts to proceed with the process of in-person interviews and visits. We know how eager our congregation is to finally have a permanent pastor, but God is asking us to wait at this point. Please continue to keep our efforts in your prayers.

Please read and review the  
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poster if you enter the church.  
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**Please submit your information no later than**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup> for the October Newsletter.**

**Arlene**