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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

All Things Bright and Beautiful

GTG #20

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all*

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors
God made their tiny wings

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain
The river running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
God made them, every one

Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty
Who has made all things well

Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Lord God, and be with us in this hour.

Too often our cares and our worries keep us at a distance from our God.

Come, Lord God, and speak a word of comfort to your troubled people.
Help us hear you, Lord God, in the quietness of these moments.

OPENING PRAYER

**Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us.
Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of
compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we
ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:1 – 4, 8 – 15a

ANTHEM

By Our Love
Peter Scholtes; arr. Greg Sewell

SJU Women's Choir
& Congregation

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work hand in hand
We will work with each other, we will work hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
Refrain

We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side
We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:26 – 39

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Voice of the Spirit

Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

MESSAGE

“REORIENTING TO GOD’S CALL”

Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

OFFERTORY SONG OF REFLECTION

As the Deer

TFWS #2025

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you

CALL TO GENEROSITY

God of power and might, as we offer our gifts to you this morning, we remember your love and mercy for every good and helpful thing in our lives. We affirm in our giving that all the money and possessions in the world cannot rescue us from what torments and tugs at us every day. When we've tried to fix things on our own, we have failed; when we put our trust in your loving power made known to us in Christ, we have found our lifeline. Dedicate these gifts and our lives, that we might not only find our way but lead others toward Jesus, to follow His lifegiving way. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Affirming Our Call

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2021
Johann Michael Haydn

1. We gath - er to - day, af - firm - ing our call
2. If we in the past, caused harm in Christ's name,
3. To - day in this place, we're vow - ing a - new
4. And then, if one day we're asked to ex - plain

to live what we say: In Christ all means all.
now us and em - brace to the prom - ise we claim:
to greet us this way, as our lov - ing Sav - ior would do
what makes us this way, those - some dis - dain,

No gen - der ex - pres - sion or ges - ture of love
To fol - low the will and the way of the One
with hearts o - pen wide and our church doors as well;
we'll ans - wer, "What frees us from sin - ful as di - vide

is deemed a trans - gres - sion in hea - ven a - bove.
who pleads with us Still: With all judg - ing be done.
with wel - com - ing pride as His fam - i - ly to dwell,
is lov - ing like Je - sus who cast - none a - side."

LYONS
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BENEDICTION

We have been clothed with compassion and grace, return to our homes and declare – declare what God has done and is doing in your life declare the healing at work in us declare the promise of community and of life. May we go to declare that God is at work, and we are the sign. May we go to live a declaration. May we go with God.

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1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."

19:3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

19:8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

19:9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

19:10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

19:11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

19:12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

19:13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

19:14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

19:15a Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

Luke 8:26 – 39

8:26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

8:27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

8:28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"--

8:29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

8:30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

8:31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

8:32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

8:33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

8:34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

8:35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

8:36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

8:37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

8:39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.