



August 17, 2025

Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE..... "I Need Thee Every Hour" *Robert Lowry, Arr. by Mark Hayes*
"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" *Spiritual, Arr. by Mark Hayes*

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "Our God Is an Awesome God" sing 3x **#616**
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

Come, let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "Come, Worship God" **#386**

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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence most days. (a time for silent confession)

Loving God, forgive us. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, may the fire of the Holy Spirit burn within our hearts as we read the Scriptures today. Strengthen us to choose your Way. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE.....Hebrews 11:29-12:2, pg. 1717
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN**“God of Our Life” **#686**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Outreach Fall Gala, David Wroth

❖**HYMN** "Guide My Feet" **#741**

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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "The Light of the World is Jesus"
Philip P. Bliss, Arr. by Mark Hayes

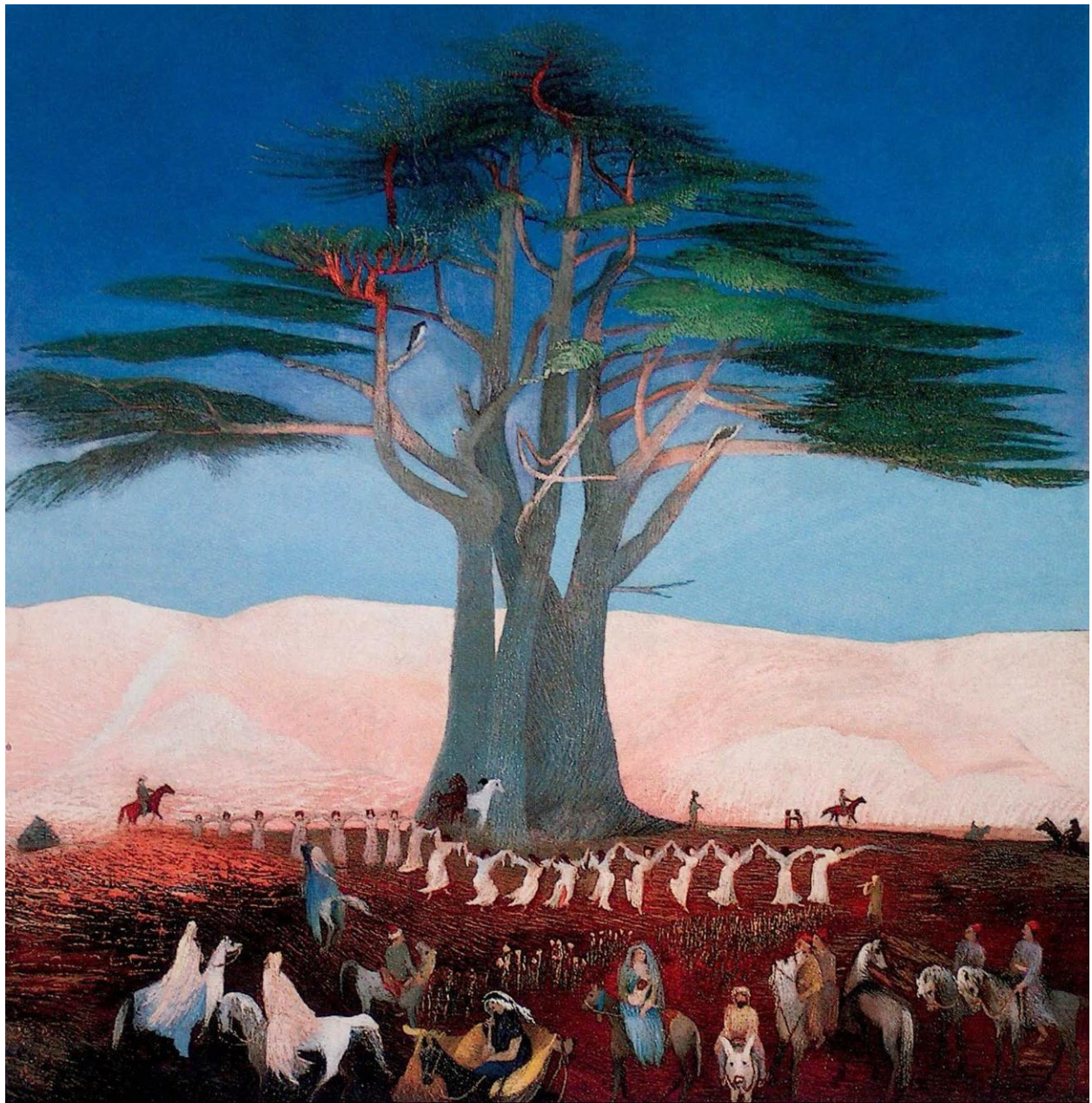
Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Leila Trepanier

Greeter: Beverly Mason

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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