

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

August 23, 2020

10:00am

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

***\*GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE\****

CALL TO WORSHIP

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ

**We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One**

**Come, let us worship God!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, with hope in the mercies of God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and visions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

*(silent meditation)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call to God, God answers. **God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen**

MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known.  
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING            Matthew 16:13-20

MESSAGE                            Grounded

COMMUNITY AND LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

**May God who restores,  
Christ who calls,  
And the Spirit who empowers –  
          bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.  
Amen**

POSTLUDE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Resources:**

*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, liturgies for Year A, Volume 2. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor. Westminster John Knox Press/Louisville, KY, 2014, 128-138.*