

Faith United Methodist Church

Order of worship

August 23, 2020

- Prelude
- Welcome and Invocation – Pastor Jeff
- Opening Song – This is the Day of New Beginnings (UMH 383)
- Call to Worship – Led by worship team (see below)
- Song – Bind Us Together Lord (FWS 2226)
- Prayers of the People – Pastor Jeff (see below)
- Scripture – Exodus 1:8-2:10 – Joyce Jose
- Sermon – *Resisting Evil* – Pastor Jeff
- Song – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (UMH 133)
- Announcements – Pastor Jeff
- Song – Sent Out in Jesus Name (FWS 2184)
- Blessing – Pastor Jeff
- Postlude

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hidden in the quiet of our morning there is a blessing for us today.

All: Sheltered amidst the reeds of a busy world there is new life awaiting our care and attention.

One: Floating above the currents of trial and tribulation, a peaceful possibility approaches.

All: Swaddled in the love and compassion of God's grace, a new beginning is preserved.

One: People of God, the embracing and affirming arms of God are reaching toward us with joy.

All: For we are God's children, holy and beloved.

One: Come, let us welcome God's embrace as we begin a new journey.

All: Let us worship with the confidence of God's abiding presence and rescuing love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: O God, there are ways in which we have felt pressed down and hopeless, threatened by the realities of our times. (Name some of the challenges of your current time and place.)

All: Protecting God, be with us as we drift amidst the waters of injustice, struggle, and pain.

One: Abiding Presence, there are times when our futures seem dim, and the possibilities feel limited.

All: Protecting God, deliver us to a new shore.

One: Sustaining Life, there are places in our world in need of your transforming grace. (name some of the places out loud).

All: Protecting God, give us the compassion and courage to share our blessings with others.

One: Providing Parent, people are suffering and striving for new life (name some of these people as is appropriate).

All: Protecting God, help us to reach out with swaddling love as the agents of healing you have created us to be. Bring us to new life; bring us to healing shores; bring us to courage and compassion, we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the one whose power was embodied in love. Amen.