



First United Methodist Church

The Backside of God!

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp major, Johann Ludwig Krebs

Joe Galema, Organist

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Hymnal, Page 103

Call to Worship

Todd Spencer

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

People: For we are your children.

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

All: For in you we live and move and have our being.

Invocation

O God, we still our hearts. We do not know what words you will speak to us today, but we open ourselves to receive your truth. We want to see you, to know you more and to receive your love and to respond in worship. Our songs, our words, our actions are for you and you alone. Guide us, Spirit, as we worship today. Change us because we have been in your presence. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your judgments are true, your wisdom unsearchable, your compassion unending. You are worthy of our complete trust and confidence, but, the truth is, we prefer to put faith in ourselves and in our own plans and agenda. We are blind to our foolishness. We are deluded in our desire to be in control. We are impatient, unprepared for what truly matters, and focused instead on petty concerns. Forgive us, Lord, for our schemes and manipulations. Rather, grant us grace to look for you with anticipation and joy. Renew us to walk as your saints. Restore us to yourself and to one another, for the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Special Music

Come Let US Reason, Ken Medema
Steve Harter, Soloist; Joe Galema, Pianist

Time for Children

Marjorie Gross

Words of Welcome

Offertory

The Swan, Camille Saint-Saëns

Joe Galema, Organist

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,

Hymnal, Page 94

Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal, Page 888

Steve Harter

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Hymnal, Page 361

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 99, Old Testament, Page 593

Steve Harter

Pastoral Prayer

Todd Spencer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

You Are Mine, David Haas

Debbie, Nick and Nicole Louis, Trio

Joe Galema, Pianist

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23, Old Testament, Page 87

Sermon

The Backside of God!

Kent Ingram

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation, Hymnal, Page 529

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare, William Mathias

Joe Galema, Organist