

We are glad you could worship with us today!

## **GATHERING**

SONG OF PRAISE Jesus Calls Us Lisa Rose, Song Leader Voices Together (VT) #30

WELCOME Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the

universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings.

People: We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the

powers of this world and governs the nations

in justice and righteousness.

Leader: We celebrate his victory in his life, death,

resurrection, and ascension to honor and might

at your side.

People: By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish

Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.

Leader: Accept our homage as we offer our lives

in the service of Christ's kingdom.

All: He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

#### OPENING PRAYER

### **PRAISING**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name VT #126 For We Are Strangers No More VT #409

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards Pie Jesu (G. Faure)

OFFERING PRAYER

#### CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Worship Sourcebook, 2004 ed.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME Christy Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

**EPHESIANS 2: 14-20** 

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON "Dignity for the Migrant" Simon Miller

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (silent time of reflection)

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

VT #174

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards The Call (R. Vaughan Williams)

## **SHARING IN COMMUNITY**

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

### **SENDING**

SENDING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

VT #411

WORDS OF BLESSING

# TODAY at LMC

Adult Sunday School | 11:30 AM

 Church History: Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)

## THIS WEEK at LMC

**Tue**—Contemplative Prayer via Zoom, 7 PM

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Beginning next Sunday, come 5-10 minutes early during Advent to hear our young people provide prelude music. They are eager to participate in this way and we are eager to hear them and support them!
- The LMC Jeeran (Neighbors) for Palestine invites you to a Tatreez embroidery workshop next Sunday during the Christian Formation hour.
   We'll celebrate the start of Advent with our Palestinian neighbors and learn how to create a Tatreez design of the Moon of Bethlehem. Spots are limited so sign up soon.
- In two weeks, we'll hold a congregational meeting during adult Sunday school, followed by a potluck feast of our favorite traditional Christmas foods. All are welcome!