

Offertory: “Standing in the Gap for You” words and music by Babbie Mason

Doxology UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Loving God, we come with open hearts, asking for your guidance and daily provision. As we give, we remember your promise to provide for us and teach us to be generous in all things. May these gifts be a reflection of our trust in your goodness. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary I, Maestoso” Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

The prelude this morning was written by the imminent, 20th century German composer, Paul Hindemith. Hindemith created his own unique style of composition which is immediately recognizable. After fleeing Germany in the 1930s, he immigrated to the USA and taught at Yale. Hermann Schroeder, the composer of the postlude, worked in the Catholic Church in Germany and was a professor of choral conducting, music theory and composition.

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun

Baritone Soloist: David Belew

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Membership & Evangelism Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Thomas Sheldon

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte, Kathy Hathaway, Margo Sweetland

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

James A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Sophia G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Celebrate God’s love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

10:30 a.m.

**Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature comforts first. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. **Amen.**