



## Welcome to Worship

May 7, 2023  
9:00 am

### Gathering Around the Word

**Prelude**

“Here in This Place, Gather Us In”

**Words of Welcome**

**Introit**

“Wherever Two or More are Gathered”

Written by Matthew Black

**Chorus:** Wherever 2 or more are gathered  
Wherever 2 or more are gathered  
Wherever 2 or more are gathered  
I will be there

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: How can we know the new way of God?

**People: Jesus shows us the true way of life.**

Leader: Beloved, let us move forward and love one another.

**People: We love because God first loved us.**

Leader: This is our new commandment in Christ:

**People: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another**

**\*Hymn No. 401**

“Here in This Place, Gather Us In”

**\*Facing God**

**\*Laying Down of Burdens**

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom, but we confess that we have remained burdened, stuck in our old ways. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments. Lead us to genuine life-giving love. Help your children long for your spirit of life so that we may grow into the joy of liberation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Inspiration**

**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:28-31

**Anthem**

“Believe for It”  
PopUp Youth Choir

Arranged by Christopher Phillips

**Children’s Time**

See “Children in Worship”

**Song After Children’s Time**

“As Each New Horizon Beckons” [HOLY MANNA]

Meditations

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn

“Clay in the Potter’s Hands”

Written by Joel Blunk

\*Affirmation of Faith—Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.  
 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
 Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen

Announcements

Minute for Mission—Pride Parade

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Flute Pieces”

Georg Frideric Handel

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of High School Graduates

Olivia Astore	Riley Clark	Nicholas Cole	Dylan Davis
Turner Fey	Catherine Frank	Maggie Huggins	Jessie Hunter
Sam Ikenberry	Alex McGuire	Olivia Mortimore	Morgan Powers
Cooper Ryan	Elijah Snyder	Jakob Stafford	Sabrina Velegol
Aleah VonBlohn	Ethan Warner	Mariele Wassom	

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

\* Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 701

“Lord, Prepare Me”

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Improvisation”



- Your generosity allows SCPC to support many excellent local agencies.
- Donations can have a bigger impact during Centre Gives, so SJMT makes many of our donations on these two days.
- CentreGives.org is open until 8pm tonight, Thursday 5/11. Check for organizations you want to support this time from a long list of good choices. The full list includes Stay and Play, from our very own building!

### Ushers this Morning:

**Head Usher:** Scott Banfield

**Ushers:** Joe Kockelmans, Betty Macdonald, Linda McCli-mans, and Melanie Wassom

### Coffee Hour:

**Host:** Reed Miller

### Greeters this Morning:

**Fraser Street:** Liane Roe

**Parking Lot:** David and Suk Riefel

**Information Desk:** Linda Edvar

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Sharon Elizabeth Wilson given by her family, her husband, Al, and children, Diana, Laura and Chris.

## Adult Offering Today

### May 7 “Mentoring As A Spiritual Practice: How God Uses Us To Make Deep Connections”, led by Zack Maser, Westminster Hall

God calls us to be in community with one another, and the mentoring relationship provides a unique opportunity to love one another as Christ first loved us. This is an opportunity to reflect on your own mentoring experience, to share with others, and to acknowledge God’s participation in our lives as the everlasting mentor.

**"Connect"** will meet today in Room 10.

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

## May 14th EDUCATION Volunteer Recognition Sunday

We will be recognizing all those who have in some way been a part of our education program for children, youth, and adults during the past "school year" of 2022-2023.

We plan on doing a small recognition during the worship hour, and hope everyone who has been volunteering on Sundays and in our mid-week programs will be in attendance!

Many blessings and thanks to all who share their love of Christ, and knowledge with others!

## Parking Vouchers for Today!

Today, those who park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage while attending the Sunday worship service can stop by the information desk to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking (can only be used Sunday morning in the Beaver Avenue garage). Someone is at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

## Summer Time Pathways

Coming this Summer for children ages 4 - Grade 3, will be our Summer Time Pathways class held just after the children's message during worship.

We love stories and crafts that go with the book, so that's the plan for each Sunday. I am looking for some folks to teach/assist for this great adventure! Our volunteers get to choose WHICH BOOK they would like to use! Sign up for ONE Sunday, or more! It's up to YOU! Our sign up will go live in May, so look for it on the website soon! In the meantime, feel free to talk to Deannine Shipman if you are interested in making sure our children have a fun time on Summer Sundays!

Classes will be held on the following dates:

June 11, 18, and 25

July 9, 16

August 6, 13, and 20

**Can't wait to have SUMMER PATHWAYS FUN!**



## Sunday Membership Opportunity—Next Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service on May 14th at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact the Martha Trout at (marthascpc@gmail.com).

### **Sunday, May 7th**

Chrysalis 8th Grade Mission Trip

Minute for Mission—Pride Parade

#### **Senior Recognition and Youth Led Service**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:00 am Deacons's Meeting—Martin Room

### **Monday, May 8th**

Stay and Play Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Martin Room

- 12:00 pm Stay and Play Parent Teacher Conferences—Room 10 and 11
- 5:30 pm SJMT—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

### **Tuesday, May 9th**

Stay and Play Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Martin Room

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Fireside Room/Zoom
- 12:00 pm Stay and Play Parent Teacher Conferences—Rooms 10 and 11
- 6:00 pm Personnel Ministry Unit—Martin Room

### **Wednesday, May 10th**

Stay and Play Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Martin Room

Stay and Play Centre Gives

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Fireside Room/Zoom
- 12:00 pm Stay and Play Parent Teacher Conferences—Room 10 and 11
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 10
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

### **Thursday, May 11th**

Stay and Play Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Martin Room

Stay and Play Centre Gives

- 12:00 pm Stay and Play Parent Teacher Conferences—Room 10 and 11
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Room

### **Friday, May 12th**

Stay and Play Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Martin Room

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Room

### **Saturday, May 13th**

#### **Sunday, May 14th**

#### **Education Volunteer Recognition**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room

### **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

**Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K)** meets in Westminster Hall.

**Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3)** meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

### **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary)** meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

**If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is: 833-234-1326.**



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