

**Worship Outline – August 30, 2020  
(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Prelude**                                      *Down to the River to Pray*                                      arr. Mary McDonald

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**    *Hallelu, Hallelu*  
Beth & Aria Robertson

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**                      *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*                                      HOLY GROUND

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of the Ages, we confess that we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them. We could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts. We could make outsiders our friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, God of Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to hold on to your goodness to our hearts. Remind us of your grace and your hopes for us so that we can stop cursing our enemies and bless them as friends. Send us your Spirit to put aside all stumbling blocks, so that we may follow Jesus, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us in your Way of life. We pray in his name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Love**

One: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In forgiving others, we learn how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the Good News offered to us: In Jesus God shows us his love and through Jesus God offers us his forgiveness.

**All: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God, we are loved and forgiven. Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

**First Reading**                      Exodus 3:1-15

**Second Reading**                Romans 12:9-21

**Homily**

Sarah Morgan

**Affirmation of Faith** – *from* The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought. This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; together know and bear one another's burdens; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve**

**God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten to hinder this unity.**

**Offertory**

*The Blessing*

Jobe/Carnes/Brown/Furtick

Tim & Tuesday Reynolds

Dr. Lindsey Cope, guitar

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

### **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**

*O for a World*

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice,  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

## **Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Litanies*

Jehan Alain