WELCOME Rev. John Allen

**PRELUDE** Draw the Circle Wide Mark Miller

Westminster Choir

Trevor Peterson, guitar

Draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle wide. Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song; no one stands alone. Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Caitlin McCorkle

Nancy Raabe

NCH #22

**ANTHEM** Ask, Seek, Knock Cherub and Junior Choirs

Trevor Peterson, piano

Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door shall be opened for you. For this is the kingdom, this is the kingdom of God.

A new commandment have I given to you, that you love one another just as I love you. For this is how people know that you are my disciples by the way you show God's love.

> Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door shall be opened for you. For this is the kingdom, this is the kingdom of God.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Madeline and Miles Staatz Eppich, the children of Colleen Staatz and Andrew Eppich.

\*\*HYMN Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

SCRIPTURE READING **Betsy Peters** Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 22-25

"Called to Freedom" Rev. John Allen **SERMON** 

MOMENT OF SILENCE

\*\*HYMN We Shall Overcome NCH #570

accompanied by the World Percussion Ensemble

### PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Francesco Marshall

Our God, 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.

**Bold text** = Please join us in voice! \*\* = Please rise as you are able

# **SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE (Whelpton)**

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

#### STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Mike Franz

# **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Rev. John Allen

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

A Beautiful Thing **Adult Choir** 

Jane Marshall

**NCH #8** 

Make your service of love a beautiful thing: want nothing else, fear nothing else, and let love be free, let love be free to become what love truly is.

*Make your service of love a beautiful thing. Work to this end every moment without sparing.* Always fervent in humility and serve with wisdom.

Make your pilgrimage with beauty and purity, without sadness or any hindrance of willfulness, in a sweet spirit of peace and joy.

Make your service of love a beautiful thing.

# \*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

# \*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*\*HYMN Praise to the Living God

\*\*BENEDICTION

Thomas Gieschen **POSTLUDE** Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Edward E. Langbein, Sr. by the Edward E. Langbein, Jr. family.

Please join us for coffee hour following today's service!



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