



**Order of Worship for Sunday, July 23, 2023**

(\*Rise if you are comfortably able)

***Honoring our Youth***

**Prelude**

**Lamar Fitzgerald**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Pastor Sharon**

**Scholarship Presentation to Lucy Kroenung**

**Margaret Skouby**

**Centering**

**\*Welcome the Light of Christ with Song**

**We Are Called**

**FWS 2172**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Julian Nunes**

**One:** We gather today to worship the One who created us.

**Many:** **The One who calls us,**

**One:** The One who equips us,

**Many:** **The One who loves us without end.**

**All:** **With joyful hearts, let us worship God!**

**One:** It is a good day to be here.

**Many:** **It is a good day to tell stories.**

**One:** It is a good day to ask for help.

**Many:** **It is a good day to be in community.**

**All:** **With joyful hearts, let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Unison Prayer**

**Lucy Kroenung**

Almighty God, you have called us to be your servants in the service of others. Today we will hear stories from our young people and the team adults who will bring to us their experience and insights. We celebrate their boldness in faith. Open our hearts to their wisdom that we might grow in our service to others. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Please greet your neighbors offering this ancient greeting, "Peace be with you",  
with a wave and a smile 😊*

**Children's Moment:****Pastor Sharon***Children are invited forward to explore the Mystery Basket***Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings****Cry of My Heart****FWS 2165****\*Doxology and Dedication****In Unison**

Washed in your peace and love, O God, we bring our gifts to you. Bless the gifts and the lives that they represent, that all may be used in your service and to your glory. Amen.

**Prayers of the People****Scripture Reading****Revelations 3:20-21****Seira Stuart****Preparing our Hearts****What a Beautiful Name****Words Projected****The Message***"Hear our Stories of Love and Service"***Members of the 2023 Youth Mission Team to Milwaukee, Wisconsin****Responsive Prayer****Anna Tkacz, Director Youth and Children**

God of Extraordinary Grace and Love, we are grateful for the many ways in which you offer us opportunities to serve. We pray for those who were served in Milwaukee this week. May they have experienced the love of our youth, our church, and Jesus the Christ through service. May our own desire to serve be fueled by the stories of faith and experience we have received this morning. Make us every more like Jesus, who showed us the amazing power of love. This we pray in His name. Amen!

**\*Sending Song****10,000 Reasons****Words Projected****\*Shared Benediction**

In the spirit of God's unchanging love,  
we go to live the stories of faith we have heard this day.  
In the melody of God's song within us,  
we go to sing the faith we have received this day.  
In the hope of God's unfailing help,  
we go to share the grace we have touched this day!  
Amen!

**Postlude**

*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!  
We are a church family that welcomes you.*

