

Covenant United Methodist Church

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad that you chose to attend Covenant United Methodist Church today. We are a reconciling church and all are welcome. We hope three words describe your experience: engaging, inspiring, and transformational. Our goal is to create a warm and inviting environment where you'll feel welcome. If you have any questions, please contact our church office or speak to Pastor Sherri.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

“Welcome”

Mark Miller

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,
singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted Call to Worship, June 23, 2019, Suzi Byrd, Music and Worship Arts Week 2019, The Fellowship).

Let us welcome people from the east.

We welcome you and we are eager to meet God in you.

Let us welcome people from the east.

We welcome you and we are eager to meet God in you.

Let us welcome people from the south.

We welcome you and we are eager to meet God in you.

Let us welcome people from the west.

We welcome you and we are eager to meet God in you.

We give thanks for diversity among us.

We welcome all into our faith-filled community.

We believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Let us worship as one people united in love.

***OPENING HYMN**

Welcome (verses 2, 3)

Mark Miller

***OPENING PRAYER**

***CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE** Welcome (refrain only) Mark Miller

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION In Christ There is No East or West UMH 548

SCRIPTURE James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSVue)

SERMON Be Welcoming

RESPONSE Get Right with God Traditional/Edith Ming

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted Prayers of Intercession, June 23, 2019, David Boone, Music and Worship Arts Week 2019, The Fellowship)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) The Lord's Prayer CARRIBEAN

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory Welcome Home Patricia Mock/ Brad Nix
Doxology UMH 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***CLOSING HYMN** Draw the Circle Wide WS 3154

SENDING FORTH

God beckons us to love one another as God has loved us.
To forgive one another as God has forgiven us.
To serve one another following the example of Christ.
We go forth in love, offering compassion, caring for all God's children and creation.

POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are from
the Seventh Day Adventist Church who share our space.*

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