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Giusto de' Menabuoi (Italian, ca. 1320–1391), Paradise, ca. 1378. Dome fresco, Padua Baptistery, Italy.

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## The Theme of Worship

*Hebrew culminates the hall of fame of Jewish faith with these timeless words of inspiration: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...." Glory is an almost universal concept for humans, as we naturally seek recognition and connection with others around us. Hebrew utilizes this language to transform our vision of the crowd not as the people around us now whom we want to impress, but the ancients who have gone on before us who are our greatest fans. Those saints cheering us on from the balconies above do not do so for our glory, but to inspire us to strive for Christlikeness. Jesus gives us the example of what it means to be the greatest by becoming the least.*

*Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.*

## The Chiming

### The Greeting

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The peace and love of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

*Children of the Heavenly Father, Aaron David Miller*

### The Call to Worship

Rev. Robert Gammon

One Voice: *So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. (1Thessalonians 5:11)*

**Many Voices: We are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses. We are a part of all that has gone before us and are forever a part of what we shall become.**

One Voice: *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)*

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**Many Voices:** These are our stories: Abraham and Sarah, David, Cain and Abel, Ruth, Jacob and Esau, Rahab, Moses and Aaron, Issac, Paul and Timothy, Peter, James and John. These are the stories of our faith which form and inform us, and in our hearing of them and in our telling, we are now linked to those who have gone before us. We belong to them and they to us.

One Voice: *Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds, not forgetting to gather as a community, but encouraging each other. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

**Many Voices:** Let us lift our voices with all the saints in praise of our God who created us and sustains us both now and forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

**\*The Hymn of Worship**

Congregation

*For All the Saints*, No. 751

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5 only

**The Morning Prayer**

Rev. Susan Reed

**\*The Hymn of Encouragement**

Mason Sullivan and Congregation

*Christ Beside Me*, No. 543

Stanza 1, *Isaiah 40:31*, Stanza 2, *Romans 8:38-39*, Stanza 3, *2 Corinthians 13:11-14*, Stanza 4

(Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.)

**\*The New Testament Lesson**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

**The Choral Worship**

Chancel Choir

*Guide My Feet*, Whalum

**The Sermon**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

*The G.O.A.T.*

**\*The Hymn of Discipleship**  
*Rejoice in God's Saints, No. 749*

Congregation

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

David Hale

**The Offertory**  
*Sonata No. 1, for Flute and Violin, Telemann*  
*Dolce, Allegro*

Kathy Karr and Kim Tichenor

**\*The Offertory Response** Congregation  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

**\*The Benediction**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

**\*The Postlude**  
*Processional, William Mathias*

Jonathan Oblander

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Harold and Marianne Lundberg by Ken and Carol Lundberg.

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### **Prayer Concerns**

Sympathy to the family of Frances Lloyd, who died on August 8th  
Kendrick Wells, recent surgery  
Sherry Tobbe, niece of Betty Herin, health concerns  
Jim Rogers, health concerns  
David McMullin, brother of Jean Henry, health concerns  
Janet Hazelwood, family concerns  
Jim Thurmond, health concerns  
Jim Rago, health concerns  
Laverne Davis, mother of Laura Broadwater, health concerns  
Carol Lundberg, health concerns  
Joe and Debby Lin, brother and sister-in-law of Steve Lin, health concerns  
Joel Deming, health concerns  
James Davis, great-nephew of Sharon Davis, health concerns  
Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns