

Order of Worship
Sunday, February 21, 2021
10:00 a.m. Online

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Prelude *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* (arr. J. Innes)
Gaye Herndon, organ

Lighting of Candles

Opening Prayer

Loving God, grower of spiritual fruit,
Let the fruit of the Spirit blossom, mature, and ripen in my life:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against these.
Let me possess them!
Since I belong to Christ,
I have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
Let me live by the Spirit.
Let me walk by the Spirit!
Let me live in, through, and for Christ Jesus,
as he lives in, through, and for me and his whole church.
In the name of Jesus I ask you to perfect us,
whatever that may take,
and give us the grace to endure your renovation process.

Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (UMH 117)

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* (UMH 881)

Children's Chat

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Special Music *'Tis the Gift to Be Simple* (arr. D. Wagner)
Handbell Duet: Freddie Schrader, Gaye Herndon/Matthew Calderon, piano

Scripture 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Sermon Cultivating Spiritual Fruit: Kindness
Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Closing Hymn *Jesus, United by thy Grace* (UMH 561)

Closing Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for being our God and making us your people;
for growing in us and for helping us to grow.
Thank you for the ministry you entrust to us and the invitation to join you in that work.
May your will be done in us and by us, this day and always.

Postlude *Fugue on 'St. Anne'* (J.S. Bach)