

**Order of Worship: Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
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**Prelude** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (arr. M. Limbaugh) Gaye Herndon, organ

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

God, we come already burdened with the demands of our world.  
May we find here rest in your grace.  
We come, often disappointed by the world in which we live  
May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit. Amen

**Opening Hymn**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* (UMH #454)

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Our Social Creed**

**2016 Book of Discipline**

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

**Gloria Patri**

**Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

*Just As I Am* (arr. J. Carter)

Covenant Chancel Choir

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

Luke 18:2-5

**Sermon**

*Squeaky Wheels*

**Closing Hymn**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer* (UMH #496)

**Closing Prayer**

Gracious God, you give to us the gift of prayer – and are ever ready to hear when we call.  
Strengthen us in our practice of prayer on behalf of all people,  
so that our own world is expanded in love that reflects that of Christ. Amen.

**Postlude**

*Postlude on 'Foundation'* (A.L. Page)