

July 30, 2023

**Prelude** “Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” arr. Larson

**Welcome** Leader: The peace of the risen Christ be with you. **Charles Gullion**  
People: And also with you.

**Greeting One Another**  
**Call to Worship**

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

**Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!**

The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

**We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God’s world.**

Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

**Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve.**

**Hymn** “Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” #9 (1, 2 & 4)

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” #571  
*(During the hymn, the ushers will collect prayer cards.)*

**Invitation to Prayer** **Charles Gullion**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer** **Rev. Amanda Guthrie**

**Scripture** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Sermon** “Our Ultimate Concern” **Rev. Amanda Guthrie**

**Hymn** “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” #549 (1, 3 & 5)

**Offering** *(Ushers will come forward)* **Charles Gullion**

**Offertory Prayer**

We thank you, O God, for the countless blessings that come to us every day.

Help us to be as welcoming, as caring, as generous as you, Loving God, as we share our gifts with you and the world. Amen.

**Offertory** “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” arr. Broughton

**Doxology\***

**Announcements** **Charles Gullion**

**Benediction** **Rev. Amanda Guthrie**

**Postlude** “Voluntary in C” Green