

The background is a watercolor-style illustration. At the top center, a golden cross is set against a light blue sky. Below the cross, the background transitions into a mix of light blue, green, and yellow washes, with numerous small, golden-yellow speckles scattered throughout. At the bottom of the image, two hands are shown in a gesture of prayer or offering, with fingers slightly spread. The overall tone is peaceful and welcoming.

You are Welcome...

to worship
to pray
to study
to sing
to play
to serve
to lead
to teach
to share a meal
to laugh
to grieve
to ring bells
to knit
to usher
to cook for others
to clean
to volunteer
to substitute in MDO
to read to children
to share your time
to share your talents
to celebrate
to love others
to arrange flowers for others
to chaperone trips
to attend concerts
to take field trips
to celebrate new life
to foster faith - building
to form new friendships
to join our family of faith at Reid Memorial

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Be Still, My Soul

Laura Bergquist
(b.1957)

INTROIT

Come and Worship

Karen Marrolli
(b. 1975)

*Come and worship, worship here, blest community of love!
Come just as you are, come near! Come and worship God above.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Dr. Casto-Waters

As we gather together, let us rejoice in hope

As we wait through the long process of restoration, let us be patient in suffering;

As so many are in need, let us persevere in prayer,

And contribute to the needs of the saints—

May our hearts expand and our homes open so that we may extend hospitality;

And hold fast to what is good, even in the midst of great loss and disorientation;

Most of all, let us love one another, for this is God's greatest and indestructible gift.

Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving and hope!

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Restorative Lord, we turn to you in the wake of a terrible hurricane, and we look around with amazement and heavy hearts. Lives have been lost, dear ones have been traumatized, entire towns in some places are simply gone and we are unable to form adequate words in response. Lord, fill our hearts with empathy and patience, open our hearts to welcome one another and share what we have to offer, remind our hearts that they are resilient and will be healed by your great care and love; allow our hearts to find joy and thanksgiving in the assurance that you are with us now and always.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON²

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."

Our assurance is in the Lord who continues to say, "I will be your God, and you will be my people." Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Dr. Casto-Waters

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Is Patient and Kind

Lars T. Clutterham
(b. 1948)

*Love is patient and kind. It is not jealous or boastful. It is not arrogant or rude.
Love is patient and kind. Love won't insist on its own way. Love rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things. Love hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

HYMN 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* MC AFEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Let Us Walk* Karen Marrolli
(b. 1975)

***What does the Lord require of us? To greet all with mercy;
to clothe the world with justice; to walk forth humbly with our God.***

*All who are able please stand

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Communion—Communion today is by intinction. Exit your pew via the center aisle and come forward to the front, receiving the bread from the server and dipping it in the cup. Alternatively, individualized elements are available on each side. After you have been served, return to your seat via the outside aisle. If you wish to receive from your seat, lift a hand and the servers will bring the elements to you.

¹ Inspired by Romans 12:9-21

² Based on Hebrews 13:5-6

