

Worship Order August 23, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Call to Worship

One: O God, we come with empty hands.

All: We have not been able to love our enemies.

One: When we saw them, we felt only fear and anger, not love.

All: Bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us.

One: Forgive us for what we have failed to do for our enemies.

All: You lead us out of the constriction of fear and out of the prison of hate, into the wide space of freedom.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all mercy, teach us to love enemies, to wish them the best of the life you intend each human to have. Teach us hope, so we know that with your blessing, impossible dreams become reality. Teach us faith, so we know that only the strength to stop hating will halt the cycles of violence and revenge. Teach us forgiveness, which we know is suffering love through piercing tears. Teach us, O Lord, your ways. Amen.

Scripture

Romans 12:9-15

Anthem

Better Is One Day

Message

Hymn

How Lovely

Prayers

Offertory

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Benediction

Postlude