

**Sierra & Woodland Christian Churches
Partnered in Worship
Sunday, May 30, 2021**

Welcome

Pastor Christine

Prelude

Bob Wyrick

Opening Prayer

Rev. Larry Love

Call to Worship

Karen Steinke

God, who flung the stars into the night sky,
rejoices over all creation, especially us!

**Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden
our hearts with your goodness and grace.**

Christ, the Word of joy and life,
fills all creation with hope, especially us!

**Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim
our hearts as your own.**

The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness,
gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

**Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us
with the dew of delight.**

Opening Hymn #575 Come & Find The Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead
Find the room for hope to enter
Find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter
Clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter
Be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us
Cools the heat and slows the pace

God it is who speaks and names us
Knows our being touches base
Making space within our thinking
Lifting shades to show the sun
Raising courage when we're shrinking
Finding scope for faith begun

In the Spirit let us travel
Open to each other's pain
Let our lives and fears unravel
Celebrate the space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming
There's a time for heart to care
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare

Scripture **John 3:1-17**

Rev. Larry Love

Special Music

Reflection

Pastor Christine

Hymn of the Day #357 **We Call Ourselves Disciples**

We call ourselves disciples,
as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom,
and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children,
we serve Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation
we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us,
proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer,
the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted,
the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table
we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the Spirit,
in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness,
for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil,
and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose,
creative through the years.

We join with all disciples
to live the Word in deed,
to share the cup of water
and bread with all in need;
to work till God's compassion
and righteousness prevail,
till all this planet's people
know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens,
the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples
to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation,
and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God's mission!
Christ, lead us all our days!

Joys & Concerns

Pastor Christine

Prayers of the Church

Pastor Christine

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Invitation to the Table

Karen Steinke

Communion Hymn #352. Spirit Song

O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

Words of Institution

Pastor Christine

Sharing of Communion

Stewardship Moment

Karen Steinke

Closing Prayer

Pastor Christine

Sending Hymn #458 Ours The Journey

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? Refrain

As we stand a world divided
by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams Refrain

We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. Refrain

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect the church again. Refrain

Benediction

Pastor Christine