



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 23, 2024

10:00 am

**please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*The God who first heard the morning stars sing
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.*

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*The God who set the limits of the seas
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.*

You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Let us thank God for steadfast love,
for all God's mighty works.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL – Mark 4:35-41

Rosemary Cole

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Thomas DeBusk and Mark Freeman

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 17(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

SERMON

“Throwing Stones”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fail despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

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*

“Live Into Hope”

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(This is the theme song for the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly chose the theme as an opportunity to charge the denomination after being in a space of lament and hope. We are now being charged to live into that hope.)

CHARGE AND BLESSING*

CHORAL RESPONSE, #59*

**The Steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is your faithfulness.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – *Everyone is invited!*

STATED SESSION MEETING

*To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*