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 and to this service of worship.

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 and hope that you will find our worship meaningful.
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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



*You are altogether beautiful, my love:
 there is no flaw in you.*

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August 19, 2018



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Welcome to Worship!

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Gathering

OPENING *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

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God of All Splendor*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Down to the River to Pray*

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OFFERING *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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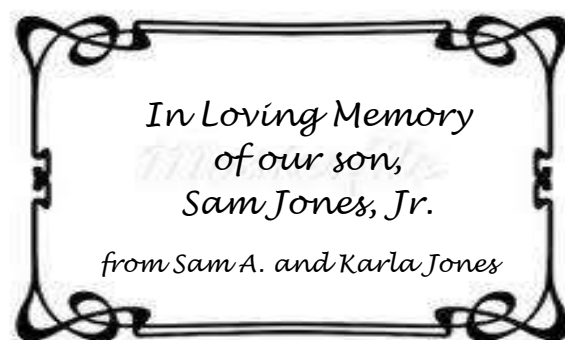
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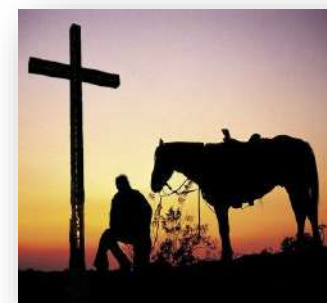


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CENTERING WORDS

The voice of love calls us—
 to gaze in wonder, to listen attentively,
 and to see the beauty within.

PRELUDE *Variations on Jesus Loves Me* arr. Lori Smith, Gregg Sewell
 Brad Bettencourt, Guest Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is moving.
It's time to sing and dance.
 The Spirit is calling.
It's time to offer our praise.
 The Spirit fills our hearts.
Let us worship in joy.

*OPENING HYMN *Lord of the Dance* No. 261
 verses 1,2,4 & 5

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

**God of love, we come with open hearts.
 As we gaze with wonder at the world around us,
 give us eyes to see beloved friends, generous hearts,
 and precious children of your creation.
 As we worship and learn together,
 give us understanding to see ourselves as
 beloved friends, generous hearts,
 and precious children of your creation.
 In joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
 DISCIPLES QUARTET
 Tenor: Roger Sperling Lead: Dave Anderson
 Bass: Gary Thompson Baritone: Donald Gugeler

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Nursery care is available.* Carolyn Russell
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *In His Time* verse 1 TFWS #2203
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *In His Time* verse 2 TFWS #2203

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MEDLEY OF HYMNS

TO GOD BE THE GLORY No. 98
 To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father,
 through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God;
 The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

MY JESUS I LOVE THEE No. 172

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
 I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD No. 144

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
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 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

SERMON *"Whassup, Solomon?"*
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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Peace within my Soul* Edward Braughton
 *Doxology/Blessing of the Offering
*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.*

*CLOSING HYMN *He Lives* No. 310

***BENEDICTION**

Friends, go forth in love.
 Embody the faith, sing and dance!
Life is a gift and we go forth in joy!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *A Little Talk with Jesus*
 DISCIPLES QUARTET SPECIAL MUSIC

POSTLUDE *God of the Strong* Gregg Sewell

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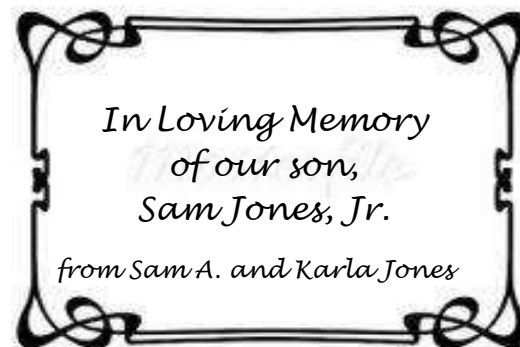
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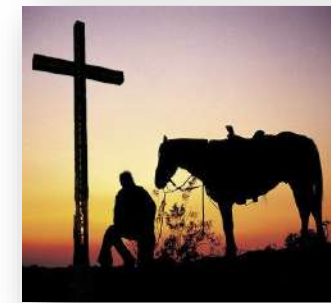
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