

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

September 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Steve Hollaway

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

****CALL TO WORSHIP** From Isaiah 40 (*Message*) Ellen Jacke
(Congregation reads word in bold type.)

Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening?

Haven't you heard these stories all your life?

God sits high above the round ball of earth. The people look like mere ants.

He stretches out the skies like a tent canvas to live under.

Look at the night skies: Who do you think made all this?

Who marches this army of stars out each night, counts them off, calls each by name—so magnificent! so powerful!—and never overlooks a single one?

God doesn't come and go. God lasts.

He's Creator of all you can see or imagine.

****HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

#323

****INVOCATION (Unison)**

Almighty and all-merciful God, you are greater than we can know, more beautiful than we can see, more loving than we can receive. You are the Everlasting One, the beginning and the end, through all time and beyond time. You are Creator and Sustainer, the One who holds all things together and keeps everything from falling apart. You are the God of terrible storms and our sure shelter at the same time. You are strength made weak for our sake, justice made self-giving to restore us to yourself. We accept your welcome into your presence and ask you by your Spirit to make yourself real in our hearts.

****THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using 'sins')

****HYMN**

O God Beyond All Praising

#366

(The tune comes from "Jupiter" in "The Planets" by Gustav Holst)

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HARVEY AND IRMA

Gracious and loving God, We ask you to calm the storm, gentle the rains, and send clear skies for the recovery. Spare those who were uprooted and dislocated from further harm. Help those in the storm's way to return to safety, stability, and security. Open our hearts in generosity to all who have no resources, whether physical, spiritual, or economic. In all things and at all times, help us to remember that when the storms of life come upon us, you are always with us, leading us to shelter, guiding us to safety, comforting us in our need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from the Diocese of Dallas)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ellen Jacke

Romans 13:8-14 (Pew Bible NT p. 162)

****HYMN**

They'll Know We Are Christians

#272

SERMON

Steve Hollaway

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

****OFFERTORY HYMN**

#680

I Then Shall Live

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Cameron Greenlee

****THE DOXOLOGY**

(#706)

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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*** All who are able, please stand*