

August 23, 2020

9:00a Service

This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” Isaiah 48:17 (NIV)

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE SONGS

“Open the Gates” “One Thing Remains”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAISE SONG “Singing In the Victory”

OPENING PRAYER

God of presence and strength, help us feel you here with us when we are anxious and afraid, when the future feels unwieldy and uncertain. We know nothing is unknown to you, O God, and we know you are our rock and our comfort in times of trouble. Give us wisdom and courage to make changes that will help things get better. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 138 (LGV) Linda Gustafson

SERMON “Goodness Gracious” Rev. Rusty Belcher

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-8 (CSB)

GIVING MUSIC

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER TO BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Lord, You have told us in Your Word to be anxious for nothing, and I know in my heart that I am anxious about a lot of things. And what is worse, I pretend to others that I am not worried, when in fact I am anxious about everything. I know such striving is not Your will for my life and I pray Lord, that You will show me how I may live my life resting on Your promises of peace and rest. You said in Your Word not to be anxious, but pray instead about everything and to talk to You about what I need. You told me also to have a thankful heart for all that You have done in my life. Lord, I am coming to You this very moment to tell You that I long to stop being so anxious and to ask that in Your grace You would keep me from all anxious thoughts, and give me Your peace that passes understanding. I also pray that You will help me to keep my mind fixed on Jesus, so that when any anxious imaginings starts to surface in my mind, I may immediately turn my thoughts onto You, and thank You for all that You have done for me, and for the many promises that are all Yes and Amen in Jesus Christ. Thank You, that You are a God who listens to our heart cry and answers our prayers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Rusty Belcher

CLOSING PRAISE SONG “The Way”