Weekend Service

September 26, 2021 - 11AM - On the Move (David)

Prelude - When in Our Music God Is Glorified – Sue Mitchell-Wallace

*Call to Worship
L: God of all nations, we gather today thankful that you have welcomed us.
P: God of all people, you crossed every border between divinity and humanity to make your home with us.
L: Just as you have accompanied us on our journey, we are called to not place any borders on your love and to walk alongside those who have been mistreated, persecuted and outcast.
P: Together as a faith community, we are called to be a space of love and safe refuge for all people.
All: We gather today to worship the God of all. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise UMH 435 O God of Every Nation

*The Immigrant Apostles' Creed
I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled
his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

*Welcome, Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer UMH 473 Lead Me, Lord

Unison Prayer and Pastoral Prayer
God of all nations, who unites all through Christ Jesus, we come today asking that you would help us to remember and honor all of those who have fled their homes in the hope of safety elsewhere.
For the mothers who have thought it better to leave with only what can be worn on their backs; for the fathers who are unable to rest for fear of violence directed at them or their loved ones; and for the children who don't understand why they need to run in the first place.
Lord we come asking for their protection and provision. Remind us that there is no "us" or "them," because when one part of the body suffers, all members are affected.
Lead us into deeper awareness of our neighbors at any border, and call us to greater action rooted in the sacrificial love of your Son, Jesus Christ, who didn't just lay down his life for some, but for all out of your great love for us.
It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - If You're Happy Say Amen - arr. Thomas (Chancel Choir)

Children's Time

Children's Graphic

Offering Our Tithes, Gifts and Presence
Teach, Thank or Witness

Offertory - Rhosymedre "Lovely" (from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes) – Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Doxology UMH 94

*Prayer for Illumination
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

*Scripture Lesson -- Ruth 1:1-7

Sermon On the Move Rev. David Blanco

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Commitment UMH 436 The Voice of God is Calling vs. 1-3
Tune of 571

New Member Response

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Sending Forth UMH 436 The Voice of God is Calling vs. 4

Postlude - Hyfrydol (from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes) – Ralph Vaughan Williams