

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...  
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

*Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ*  
*An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation*  
*The Order of Worship*

*September 18, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Prelude** *In This Very Room* Ron & Carol Harris

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

One: *This is the day that God has blessed us with.*

All: **Let us open our hearts, heads and spirits to God and each other in Worship.**

**\*Hymn** *Arise, Your Light Is Come* #167

**Moment for the Young at Heart**

**Time of Confession**

*Holy One, You have called us to join together in being Your hands, heart and voice in the world. But too often, we resist or even ignore that call. We become distracted and devoted to other calls – the calls of popularity and prestige; of more and might; of egotism and exclusion.*

*Forgive us for this, and help us to better answer Your calls of compassion and care; of generosity and grace; of inclusion and interconnectedness. Help us be the people – individually and as a spiritual community – You believe we can be. For our sake. For Yours. And for the world's.*

Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory Music** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Fred Nordstrom, soloist & Mackenzie Albert, piano

**\*Presentation of Offerings and Congregational Response** #464 (verse 1)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*God of all we have, we thank You for all You have blessed us with in so many ways. May what we offer back to You now serve as a blessing to others. And may we ourselves be a blessing to You and each other. Amen.*

**Time of Reflection and Prayer**

**Our Lord's Prayer** (please use the wording closest to your heart)

**Ministry of the Word**

Introduction of the Text and Reading of the Scripture  
Luke 4:16-30

**Message** Dr. Mark Boyea

**\*Hymn** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #353

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude** *Praise to the Lord* Lobe den Herren

(feel free to leave but please do so quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude)

**\*All who are able are invited to stand**

*Sentence Sermons ....*

"We are one, after all. You and I, together exist and forever will recreate each other."  
—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."  
—Mother Theresa

"All things are connected. We do not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it.  
Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves."  
—Chief Seattle