

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

August 7, 2022 –10:00 a.m.

Prelude Arioso J.S. Bach
Sara Gillespy, piano

Welcome and Call to Worship

***Hymn** *Let All Things Now Living* #529

Moments for the Young at Heart

Invitation to Confession and the Prayer of Confession

Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mother of Creation,
and Partner in human endeavor, please forgive us—for we have not done enough:
---to find the lost and help them discover purpose;
---to heal the broken and ease their heart-ache;
---to rehabilitate the prisoner and visit the lonely;
---to rebuild the nations and strengthen our own;
---to feed the hungry and teach the ignorant;
---to recognize the eternal worth of each human personality;
---to practice joy in our homes and exercise hope in our misfortunes;
---to demonstrate courage in the struggle for justice and peace;
---to deliberate with careful wisdom in the face of complicated issues.
In Jesus' name we pray.....Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Invitation to Giving

The Offertory *Change My Heart, O God* E. Espinosa
Sara Gillespy, piano

***Presentation of Offerings and Congregational Response** #24 (verse 1)

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you, we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Moments of Reflection and Prayer

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

Ministry of the Word
Introduction of the Text

Reading of Scripture *Psalm 116:1-4, 8-10 & Psalm 118:5-8, 21-29 (p. 564)*
John 16:33 (p. 111 in the New Testament) Philippians 4:13 (p. 199)

Preaching *COURAGE: Stepping Up to the Plate* Dr. Ran Niehoff

Holy Communion

Invitation, Words of Institution, Prayer of Consecration
Eating Together and Drinking Together

***Hymn** *God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again* #345

***Benediction**

Postlude *I Surrender All* W.S. Weeden
Sara Gillespy, piano

(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

He has not learned the lesson of life who does not everyday surmount a fear.
–Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Life is mostly froth and bubble, two things stand like stone: kindness in another's trouble,
and courage in your own. –Adam Lindsay Gordon*

All of life is the exercise of risk. –William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

Courage is the price that life extracts for granting peace. –Amelia Earhart