

Order of Worship Service, August 23 11 am

PRELUDE Emily

Wayfaring Stranger—*Sacred Harp* tune, set by Larry Shackley

CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS

#401 Glory to God Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT --by Michelle Obama

You may not always have a comfortable life
and you will not always be able
to solve the world's problems at once
but don't ever underestimate
the importance you can have
because history has shown us
that courage can be contagious
and hope can take on a life of its own.
Listen to your hopes
instead of your fears—
How this time,
we decide to stop doubting
and to start dreaming.
How this time
we commit ourselves
to building the world as it should be
to serve our fellow human beings.

Solo offertory

Fix Me, Jesus – African American spiritual

Prayer of Dedication

May all beings everywhere
plagued with sufferings of body and mind
quickly be freed from their illnesses.
May those frightened cease to be afraid,
and may those bound be free.
May the powerless find power,
and may people think of befriending one another.
May those who find themselves
in trackless, fearful wilderness---
the children,
the aged,
the unprotected--
be guarded now and always.
Amen.

--Buddhist prayer

#726 Glory to God Will You Come and Follow Me?(The Summons)

BENEDICTION

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#740 Glory to God

Lead Me, Guide Me

(refrain, sing twice)

Postlude Emily

Erinnerung(Remembrance)— Robert Schumann

-composed on the occasion of Felix Mendelssohn'd death

