

Return to In-Person Worship

June 6, 2021 11 am

****please stand**

PRELUDE

The Strenuous Life— Scott Joplin

Michael Dolman, pianist

The title for this piece was inspired by Theodore Roosevelt's speech of April, 1899, in which he said, "I preach to you then, my countrymen, that our country calls not for the life of ease but for the life of strenuous endeavor."

CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS – Lighting of Lights

****761 Glory to God Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

(Please sit)

CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT --by Michelle Obama

Leader: You may not always have a comfortable life
and you will not always be able
to solve the world's problems at once.

People: **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.**

Leader: Listen to your hopes
instead of your fears—
How this time,
we decide to stop doubting
and to start dreaming.

**People: How this time
we commit ourselves
to building the world as it should be
to serve our fellow human beings.**

Leader: We need to fix our souls.
Our souls are broken
and we have lost our way.

**People: We are all God's children
and there's so much more that unites us
than divides us.
Amen.**

480 Glory to God Take Me to the Water
(Please remain seated)

Bible readings: NEAL LONG

Isaiah 9:1-3a Matthew 5:14-16 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Sung Response to Bible Readings

726 Glory to God Will You Come and Follow Me—The Summons
(Please remain seated)

Message *Pandemic, Paradox & Promises of a Loving God* **SCOTT**

**353 Glory to God My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

WELCOME

ANTHEM

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow

Text: Charles Wesley; Music, Thomas Clark

Intercessory Prayer SCOTT—conclude with the Lord's Prayer and then Sung Response

851 Glory to God Come, Bring Your Burdens to God
(Please remain seated)

Duet Offertory

Spanish Dance, op. 12, no. 1—Moritz Moszkowski

Michael Dolman and Emily Davidson

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Receive.

Be generous-

Through darkness

we find light.

A shadow says,

“Light is here.”

We are all just walking each other home.

Our work is to love people

In such a way

That the people we love

Feel free.

Amen.

**Insert from Sing the Faith

Over My Head

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**740 Glory to God Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain, sing twice)

POSTLUDE--Emily

Song Without Words, op. 102, no. 3--Felix Mendelssohn

Please remain seated for the postlude.

Leave like in an airplane! (those closest to door leave first)

