

Opening Worship
Convocation Center, Friday, June 9, 1 PM

Welcome: Rev. David Ackerman

*Call to Worship: Douglas Hearn

One - May your spirit move among us in this gathering of faith and love.

All - Let us offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God.

One - In this spirit, let us embrace the gifts God has given us and use them to serve one another in love.

All - As we come together, let us put aside all judgment and animosity, and let our love be genuine and heartfelt.

One - In humility and gratitude, let us worship our God, who transforms us by grace and renews us by the Holy Spirit.

All - With open hearts, let us sing, pray, and give thanks to the God of all grace.

*Opening Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" (CCLI)

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON

*Invocation: Rev. Lisa Griffin

God, we join together to be transformed. We dedicate ourselves once again to your service. Send your holy spirit in and around us unifying us together as one body. We invite your spirit to challenge us and change us as we seek your will. We pray that your spirit will revive us and renew our love for you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Confession: Rev. Lisa Griffin

God of love, we come before you asking for forgiveness. We often think more highly of ourselves than we should. You fill us with your spirit on oneness, yet we divide ourselves. You equip us with gifts to be used in service, but we keep them to ourselves. Instead of encouraging each other, we share words that are discouraging. You show us love and kindness, yet we show disrespect. We yearn for your grace and mercy, amen.

Assurance: Rev. Lisa Griffin

One: Jesus loves us and offers us forgiveness. His grace and mercy flow over us refreshing our souls.

All: We are filled with blessing, hope and joy as Christ's forgiveness brings cleansing and transformation, amen.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-21 – Bonnie Bates

Sermon: Bonnie Bates

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior: Rev. Meredith Hutchison

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*Closing Hymn: "Revive Us Again" (CCLI)

Revive Us Again

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Ps. 85:6

1. We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who
2. We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light, who has shown us our
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our
4. Re - vive us a - gain: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be re -

Refrain

died and is now gone a - bove.
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; Hal - le -
sins, and has cleansed ev - ery stain.
kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

lu - jah, A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry; re - vive us a - gain.

WORDS: William P. Mackay, 1863
MUSIC: John J. Husband, c. 1815

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*Benediction: Bonnie Bates