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**Office hours**  
Sunday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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**Sun 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:30 a.m. Annual Parish meeting. Sanctuary  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee support group. Classroom No. 1

**Tue 12**  
10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Thu 14**  
10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon  
7:00 p.m. Youth Education committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

**Sat 16**  
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35*  
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:30 a.m. Forum on peace & reconciliation. Fellowship Hall  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

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**FORUM** on peace and reconciliation with Simon Ntumba Tshitenge, an elder in the Congo Presbyterian Church and Director of the Protestant Printing Press in the city of Kananga. **Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**LISTENING GROUPS.** Prayerful listening and conversation around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Led by Ethel Hornbeck. **Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the balcony and **Thursday, Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m.,** Classroom No. 1.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR** begins **Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:25 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are reading and discussing Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian: Why Christian words have lost their meaning and power—and how they can be restored.* Books are in the office. \$14. (or pay what you can).

**COMMUNITY HYMN SING.** Everyone is welcome, no need to read music or be an extraordinary singer. We just sing our hearts out for one hour and have fun. **Sunday, Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m.** Choir Room.

**PEACEFEST.** *A community gathering in the spirit of St. Francis.* **Sunday, Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary.** Celebrating peace, justice and hope in songs and stories.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-third Sunday

**Season of Peace**

**September 10, 2017**  
10:45 a.m.

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### When I Am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust,  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.  
I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.  
Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, "Stay awhile."  
The light flows from their branches.  
And they call again, "It's simple," they say,  
"and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine."

**Mary Oliver**

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Praise the beloved! Sing a joy-filled song praising the Blessed One among the people! Be glad in the Creator, rejoice in Love Divine. **Psalm 149:1-2** (Merrill)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **Romans 13:8**

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. **Matthew 18:20**

#### **Worship Leaders**

Catherine Irwin  
Esther Murphy

#### **Reflections**

Julie Yanekian  
Jeff Hornbeck

#### **Assistants**

Evelyn Groff  
Kaitlin Rolfe

#### **Piano**

Kari Edge

#### **Offertory**

Phil Baker-Shenk

#### **To Our Guests**

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Childcare Available**

In the nursery at the 10:45 service  
See ushers for assistance.

## **BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD**

### **Introit (2x)**

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear.  
Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands  
to reach out and touch the world with your love.

### **Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

### **Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*

### **Prayer**

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### **\*Hymn 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

### **Prayer of Confession**

O Holy One, your love is bigger, more powerful and more mysterious than we can ever imagine. Again and again you call us, inviting us to life abundant, and compassion without boundary. But we fear what we don't understand. We make you too small, too tame, too personal. Free us. Expand our vision and enlarge our hearts, that we might grow in love and gratefulness, and follow boldly in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

### **Kyrie (2x)**

Kyrie eleison

### **Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

#### **\*Doxology (Hymn 607)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **Welcome**

### **Blessing the World**

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

### **Song (2x)**

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

### **Parish Life**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Reflection**

"My Neighborhood"

### **Hymn 20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### **Reflection**

"Its Not for Killing Crows"

### **\*Hymn 203**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

## **SERVING THE WORLD**

### **Prayer for Others**

### **Presenting Offerings**

### **Offertory**

"What a Wonderful World"

Louis Armstrong

### **Affirmation**

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### **\*Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **\*Response**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

If all your senses are occupied  
God will have no place to sit  
if all your circuits are busy the  
unknown can't reach you  
**Andrei Codrescu** *The Internet*

True perfection consists in  
love of God and neighbor; the  
more perfectly we keep these  
two commandments, the more  
perfect we will be.  
**Teresa of Avila** (1515-1582)

We need to reconnect and  
restore our essential unity  
with nature--with the rest of  
humankind, animals and plants,  
and, yes, even the rocks and the  
Earth itself. **Nandini Iyer**

God created the Earth and if  
we do not respect the earth  
and all of its creatures, we are  
disrespecting God.

**J. Matthew Sleeth**

And love  
Says,  
"I will, I will take care of you,"  
To everything that is  
Near.  
**Hafiz**

The best way to not feel hopeless  
is to get up and do something.  
Don't wait for good things to  
happen to you. If you go out and  
make some good things happen,  
you will fill the world with hope,  
you will fill yourself with hope.

**Barack Obama**

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sign up in office

\*stand if you are able