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**When
have
you
“stepped
outside”
and
looked
at the
stars?**

**10:30 AM
AUGUST 10, 2025**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

Choral Variations on “Veni Creator” by Maurice Duruflé

Zerek Dodson, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Mather, Lynnette Li & Jalen Garza

MUSIC FOR ENTERING

Theme from *A Tale of Two Cities (1958)* by Richard Addinsell

Zerek Dodson, piano

THE CALL

Rev. Mike Mather

HYMN

#140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

Harold Altamirano

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Over the Rainbow” arr. Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir; Zerek Dodson, piano

SERMON

Choosing Church: Family

Rev. Mike Mather

HYMN

#122 God of the Sparrow God of the Whale
vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Olivia Malmberg, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

BENEDICTION

Rev. Mike Mather

MUSIC INTO LIFE

“Choose Something Like a Star” by Robert Frost & Randall Thompson

The Chancel Choir; Zerek Dodson, organ

MUSIC INTO LIFE

“Choose Something Like a Star” by Robert Frost

O Star (the fairest one in sight),

We grant your loftiness the right

To some obscurity of cloud—

It will not do to say of night,

Since dark is what brings out your light.

Some mystery becomes the proud.

But to be wholly taciturn

In your reserve is not allowed.

Say something to us we can learn

By heart and when alone repeat.

Say something! And it says, 'I burn.'

But say with what degree of heat.

Talk Fahrenheit, talk Centigrade.

Use language we can comprehend.

Tell us what elements you blend.

It gives us strangely little aid,

But does tell something in the end.

And steadfast as Keats' Eremite,

Not even stooping from its sphere,

It asks a little of us here.

It asks of us a certain height,

So when at times the mob is swayed

To carry praise or blame too far,

We may choose something like a star

To stay our minds on and be staid.