

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, August 21st, 2022



PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Before we got up this morning
and decided to come to church,

**God was waiting for us,
to welcome us with grace.**

When we are unsure of what to do;
when we falter before the next step,
**we come to listen to God's voice,
to learn from the One who teaches us
all we ever need to know.**

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;
when our fears cripple our souls,
**God delivers us with steadfast love;
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.**

PRAISE SONG

"Hear Our Praises"

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

PRAISE SONG

"He Knows My Name"

Praise Team

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Liturgist

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

God our Rock, forgive us and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patria"

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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HYMN

#378: "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVue)

Liturgist

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

SERMON

"Good Trouble"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share you gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love, healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassionate as well as the fruit of your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Doxology"

CLOSING HYMN

#204: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

BENEDICTION

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Having been welcomed with grace,
let us go out this day.

**We will go to serve all of God's children,
deciding to meet them where they are.**

Having listened to God's Word,
Let us go to share what we have learned.

**We will go to stand with those who are uncertain about life,
to walk with those who have stumbled on their journey.**

Having been set free by the Spirit
let us go to be sisters and brothers with all,
**we will go to release those bound by cruelty and injustice,
to bring healing to those crippled by fears.**

SENDING

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