



GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Come into His Presence" (Lynn Baird) Robert Galbreath, piano

*OPENING HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" United Methodist Hymnal # 393

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of Solidarity, at times we tremble before the trouble that surrounds us. The powerful steal life with so little remorse. We cry, we pray, we worry. When fear ensnares us, come by our side. Shore us up in your strength and your care. That we may not hand over our power to evil, but press on in love. Guide us, we pray, Amen.

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

[Please use the Friendship pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

MUSIC MINISTRY "I've Just Come from the Fountain"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-22

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying, "I am baptizing you in water, but someone is coming who is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to untie! This One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. A winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff will be burnt in unquenchable fire." Using exhortations like this, John proclaimed the Good News to the people. But Herod the tetrarch—whom John rebuked for his wickedness, including his relationship with his sister-in-law, Herodias—committed another crime by throwing John into prison. When all the people were baptized, Jesus also came to be baptized. And while Jesus was praying, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on the Anointed One in visible form, like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Own, my Beloved. On you my favor rests."

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" United Methodist Hymnal # 220 vs. 1, 3

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS [*You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.*]

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of YHWH—the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned. I am YHWH, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Nubia and Seba in exchange for you. You are more precious to me than Assyria; you are honored, and I love you. I will give people in exchange for you, whole nations in exchange for your life. Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather them from the west. To the north I will say, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not

hold them back! Bring my [children] from afar, return them from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my Name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made!”

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

TIME FOR OFFERING

MISSION MINUTE: WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

(see announcements)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Delivering One, we long to rise to our full potential, our sacred purpose, our collective possibility. Every day, domination systems aim to wear us down. They limit our dreaming. They usher us into the false safety of despair. We are here, seeking another route. So, bless these offerings to our earnest pursuit of a holier way. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

United Methodist Hymnal # 192

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, Not all paths are paved by love and justice or satisfy us. But the Holy One does not leave us without guidance. God whispers to us, individually and collectively—calls us by name to come and take risk in the journey of righteousness.

Let us go together. God goes with us. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Wade in the Water” (Spiritual)

Robert Galbreath, piano

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We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm*

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