



GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah" (arr. Cindy Berry) Robert Galbreath, piano

\*OPENING HYMN "Give Thanks" The Faith We Sing # 2036

OPENING PRAYER

**Jesus—friend of those oppressed by systems of harm—guide us on the path of your radical and wonderful solidarity. Connect us to the well of strength within ourselves to do what needs to be done today, honoring rest and play as part of “the work.”**

**Build strong bonds between us, that we may depend on one another for safety and support. Invite us towards personal and communal healing, so our care for each other may be deeply-rooted and long-lasting. 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

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type indicates congregational response.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

YHWH says: “Cursed are those who trust in human ways, whose hearts turn away from YHWH. They are like stunted vegetation in the desert with no hope in the future. It stands in stony wastes in the desert, an uninhabited land of salt. Blessed are those who put their trust in God, with God for their hope. They are like a tree planted by the river that thrusts its roots toward the stream. When the heat comes it feels not heat; its leaves stay green. It is untroubled in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit. The human heart is more deceitful than anything else, and desperately sick—who can understand it? I, YHWH, search into the heart, I probe the mind, to give to each person what their actions and conduct deserve.

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

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY: CLARA ESTER

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings”

United Methodist Hymnal # 143

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY “Have a Little Talk with Jesus” (Clevant Derricks)

*Clevant Derricks is the composer of today’s special music. At the age of 21 he created a 100-voice choir that performed in the D.C. area and featured Mahalia Jackson. He penned “Have a Little Talk with Jesus,” his most famous song, in 1937. Unfortunately, Mr. Derricks failed to join any of the music publishing companies, and received only five dollars for this song. This song has been recorded by many famous artists, such as the Statler Brothers, Randy Travis, the Oak Ridge Boys, and the Gaither Family. His son, Clevant Jr. is a Tony-Award winning actor and performed in “Wicked” on Broadway in 2022.*

SECOND READING

Luke 6:17-26

Coming down the mountain with them, Jesus stopped in a level area where there were a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon—people who had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and healing them all. Looking at the disciples, Jesus said: “You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours. You

who hunger now are blessed, for you'll be filled. You who weep now are blessed, for you'll laugh. You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One. On the day they do so, rejoice and be glad: our reward will be great in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets the same way. But woe to you rich, for you are now receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are full, for you'll go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you'll weep in your grief. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way."

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

TIME FOR OFFERING

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

**God of Justice—many among us are struggling under the weight of cruel systems.  
We struggle to get housing, healthcare, safety, to afford food. We struggle because we  
are overworked, and we feel isolated. Come, Holy Spirit, bless our solidarity, and bless  
our offerings towards well-being for all. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

The Faith We Sing # 2208 vs. 1-3, 6

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, may we always remember that we are Blessed, weary as we may be—for Divine Love is on your side. So, let us go forth protected by community care, and attuned to your inherent belovedness—today and always. And may we be reminders of that love to those who need to be reminded. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"We Shall Overcome" (African-American spiritual)

Tim Barnes and Robert Galbreath

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Scripture from The Inclusive Bible Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.*

## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

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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