



GATHERING MUSIC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE                      “My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)” (Robert Lowry)  
Tim Barnes, organ

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Freedom, our hearts are bowed in awe because you have torn the veil between heaven and earth. Empower us with clarity and grow us in wisdom so that all may know freedom in you. We come to you in this moment, longing for an openness for all that is life-giving. Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN              “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”                      The Faith We Sing # 2153

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 SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of the holy ones, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator. I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you—the promised glories that God’s holy ones will inherit, and the infinitely great power that is exercised for us who believe. You can tell this from the strength of God’s power at work in Jesus, the power used to raise Christ from the dead and to seat Christ in heaven at God’s right hand, far above every sovereignty, authority, power or dominion, and above any other name that can be named—not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God has put all things under Christ’s feet and made Christ, as the ruler of everything, the head of the church, and the church is Christ’s body; it’s the fullness of the One who fills all of creation.

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

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY     “Go Make a Difference” (T. Arguisano and T. Tomaszek)     Robert Galbreath

READING FROM THE WORLD

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**Living Christ, we wrestle with how to live when we have inherited patterns of harm.  
Remind us that we are inheritors of Creativity, Love, and Imagination also. May our  
collected resources offer a legacy of Love. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus said to them, "Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled." Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, "That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah's name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this. Take note: I am sending forth what Abba God has promised to you. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high." Then Jesus took them to the outskirts of Bethany, and with upraised hands blessed the disciples. While blessing them, the savior left them and was carried up to heaven. The disciples worshiped the risen Christ and returned to Jerusalem full of joy. They were found in the Temple constantly, speaking the praises of God.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*[The United Methodist Church practices "open communion" which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament. You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament. You may bring your food offering (see announcements) as you come to receive the elements of Communion.]*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

United Methodist Hymnal # 389

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, may our interactions with each other be a blessing. May our words and our actions flow like water, like honey, like fragrant oil into the lives of our communities. Let us go forth in Blessing, and be a blessing to the world. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (William Bennett)

Tim Barnes, organ

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## 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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