



GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	(lyrics below)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.**

OPENING PRAYER

Open the eyes of our hearts, O divine Wisdom, so when we encounter a gender expression, or a relationship framework that challenges our normative categories—we may see beyond boundaries, borders & binaries, and be guided towards collective joy and healing. May it be so. 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

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Bold type indicates congregational response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN AWARD

MUSIC MINISTRY “Way Maker” (Osniachi Okoro)

READING FROM THE WORLD

“I’ll always be known [for] reaching out to young people who have no one to help them out, so I help them out with a place to stay or some food to eat or some change for their pocket. And they never forget it. A lot of times I’ve reached my hand out to people in the gay community that just didn’t have nobody to help them when they were down and out.”

“How many years has it taken people to realize that we are all brothers and sisters and human beings in the human race?” ~ Marsha ‘PAY IT FORWARD’ Johnson

“We were always uneasy. Now I’ve been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave. I have no opportunity to see my friends in my native land. We would rather stay in our native land, if we could be as free there as we are here. I think slavery is the next thing to hell. If a person would send another into bondage, he would, it appears to me, be bad enough to send him into hell, if he could.” ~ Harriet Tubman

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 kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

They came to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Jesus was stepping from the boat when he was met by a person from the town who was possessed by demons. The demoniac had not worn clothes for a long time, and was homeless, living among the tombs instead. Seeing Jesus, the individual cried out and fell at his feet, shouting loudly, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Only Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”—for Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the person. This spirit had seized the demoniac many times in the past, who then needed to be restrained with chains and shackles

and kept under guard—yet every time, the possessed person would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places. “What is your name?” Jesus asked. “Legion,” it replied, because many demons had entered the person. And they pleaded with Jesus not to order them to depart into the abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding nearby on the hillside. The demons pleaded with Jesus to allow them to enter the swine, and he gave them permission. The demons left the person and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the hillside into the lake and drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away to tell the story in town and throughout the countryside. The local residents came out to see what happened. And as they approached Jesus, they also saw the exorcised person sitting at Jesus’ feet, clothed and of a right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had witnessed it told the others how the possessed one had been made whole. Panic overcame the whole population of the region of the Gerasenes, and they asked Jesus to leave them. When Jesus had gotten into the boat to leave, the person who had been healed asked to go with him. But Jesus said, “No, go back home and tell everyone what God has done for you.” So the one who had been made whole went off and proclaimed throughout the region what Jesus had accomplished.

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 # 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Envision with us the world-to-come, Creator God, where all are free from violence, scarcity, and death-dealing systems. Root us deep in the wisdom that all oppressions are connected— that none of us are free until we are all free. Protect every single person with Fierce and Mighty Love, and bless our offerings towards our dreams. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, Riverbeds can be restored. Communities can meet each other's needs. Evil can be cast out of our hearts and our systems. Queerness can guide us towards abundant life. It can happen. Remember it can happen. It can always happen! Let us go in Radical Hope of that possibility and be agents of that change in our circles of influence. **Amen.**

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What a Mighty God We Serve 2021

1., 4. What a might - y God we serve, _ what a

might - y God we serve, _ what a might - y God we serve, _

_ what a might - y God we serve! _

2. Let us sing and praise the Lord ...
3. Let us shout and praise God's name ...

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MIGHTY GOD
Irregular

I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing 333

1. I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing,

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing,

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual

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I'M GOIN'A SING
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Unison

1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2. With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev-ery-day life we will face.

The ser-vice is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of our wor-ship in all who be-lieve.
 em-brac-ing God's chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of the teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;

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THE ASH GROVE
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shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

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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