



"Woman,
you are set free from your ailment."

Luke 13:12, NRSV

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WELCOME TO THE STORY

In late August of 1619, twenty Africans were forcefully brought to Jamestown, Virginia and sold into slavery. This marked the beginning of the transatlantic slave trade, which would ultimately take some 12 million Africans away from their homes and cultures into hereditary chattel slavery. On August 25th, many churches and communities will be marking this quad-centennial of “Landing Day,” a tragic event that ushered in four centuries of slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, and racism which persists today.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life in our world.

SONG . . . “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” vs. 1, 4
Favorite Hymn of Sharon Chu

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: No one here is a stranger!

All: We all belong to God’s household!

P: Let us greet one another in the peace of Christ Jesus.

All: All are welcome.

Please Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Gracious God, you have known us since the beginning of time. You know when we struggle to hear your voice,

All: and when we yearn to know your grace.

P: Speak to us with wisdom and love, and protect us with mercy and grace.

All: Heal us and set us free, that we may recognize your presence, heed your call, and celebrate your loving acceptance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Children of God, in the gracious love of Christ, you are set free from your sickness, sin and sorrow.

All: We rejoice, for the Rock of Ages has rescued us all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God yearns for all to be free.

All: God, we praise you.

L: God knows that many are still enslaved. God weeps with them.

All: God, help us to work for the full humanity of all people.

L: Jesus our Lord became fully human. He experienced suffering in solidarity with the oppressed.

All: Lord Jesus, grant us your compassion and willingness to work for justice for all.

L: Where we would sow slavery and death, the resurrection brings freedom and New Life.

All: Lord Jesus, thank you.

L: Even today, when we use systems, economics, and laws to oppress one another, Christ stands with the oppressed and proclaims release to the captives.

All: Holy Spirit, teach us to love our neighbor in word and action.

L: As we continue our worship, may the Holy Spirit open us up to our history and the pain of our neighbors today. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.



SONG . . . “This Little Light of Mine” (VBS)

Favorite Hymn of Cassie Di Paola

This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine

Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine



GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ’s gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.

LITANY OF PEACE

L: To honor you, O God,

All: we come before you to worship and praise.

L: Transform every moment of our lives

All: into moments of worship and praise that honor you.

L: To be near you, Holy One,

All: we come into your presence with hope and prayer.

L: Transform our words and thoughts

All: into acts of prayers and thanksgiving that bring us ever close to you.

L: We want to be people of unity and peace.

All: Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding,

L: that others may see us knit together as one,

All: built on the cornerstone of Christ.

L: In your loving peace we sing...

HYMN OF PRAISE . . . "Glory to God"

Refrain

All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

¹ Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

² Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. ³ For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

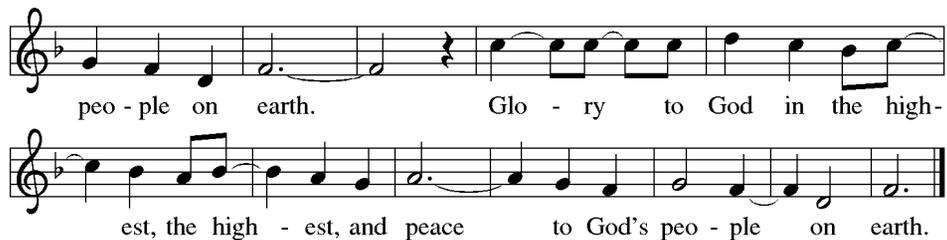
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright.

All: Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels

in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 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. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 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.” 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 away to give it water? 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?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel, the good news of God

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

SONG . . . “On Eagle’s Wings” vs. 1, 3

Favorite of Briita Ehlers, Donna Lee, and Kathy, Annelise, and Marielle Miedema

Verse 1:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

Chorus:

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Verse 3:

For to the angels God’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Chorus



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MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

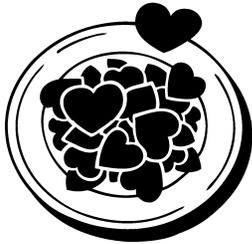
L: We are not strangers to one another, for together we are members of God's household.

All: Let us give offerings that bring the good news of our peace to many.

L: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

All: our gifts are needed in God's world.

THANKFUL OFFERING



SONG . . . "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" vs. 1, 3

Favorite Hymn of Briita Ehlers and Terri MacFarlane

Verse 1:

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3:

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring"



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Jesus, our Hope, we send these gifts: to those without hope,

All: to those who need your love, and to those longing for your peace.

L: May our gifts and may our very lives reveal that God lives in us and that we look upon all,

All: stranger and friend alike, as our family of faith. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. Lord of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to all in distress. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You provide deliverance and justice for all who are oppressed. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You know our needs in this community. Heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness, aging, or suffering. Accompany those who visit homebound members, the hospitalized, and those who are in prison. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Creator God, you created all humankind in your image. On this day when we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans arriving in Virginia, USA, we repent of not seeing all your people as made in your Holy Image. We ask you to uplift and support all the descendants of slaves and to help us work for a just economic and social system, especially for those most suffering today from the continued effects of slavery, Jim Crow laws, racially motivated violence, and mass incarceration. Create in us, your church, the ability to work toward New Life together for all of your beloved children. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Our God is one of freedom and salvation. When the Israelites were enslaved by the Egyptians, and treated as chattel, God sent leaders to free them, like Miriam and Moses. When Africans were enslaved in the United States, God sent leaders to work for freedom, like Harriet Tubman.

All: The work of liberation continues to this day.

P: Through Jim Crow, sundown towns, redlining, unequal laws and policing, and mass incarceration,

All: God weeps that we continue to hurt one another.

P: At the same time, God has always raised up people from those who suffer to work toward a world where all humans have resources, hope, and justice.

All: Jesus is part of God's story of salvation.

P: Jesus and his ministry threatened the religious and political authorities so much that they hung him on a tree in the shape of a cross. Throughout time and place, Jesus comes to us by dwelling deeply in the lives of the people who are treated the most unfairly. This new life comes through Christ's broken body to those whose bodies are being broken by the authorities today. God raised Jesus to New Life, and brings that New Life to us through this meal.

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus sat down with his closest friends. While sharing these final moments, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it open for all. He gave thanks and gave it for all to eat, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

May this meal we share today be wrapped so fully by the Holy Spirit that we are inspired to be the leaders God calls us to be.

All: May we know the power of forgiveness and eternal life through this meal.

P: May this meal bless us to follow our God who proclaims release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed.

All: May we live our faith worthy of the gifts God has given us.

P: Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



FRACTION RITE

P: The table is open for all to know and to share in God's quest for freedom.

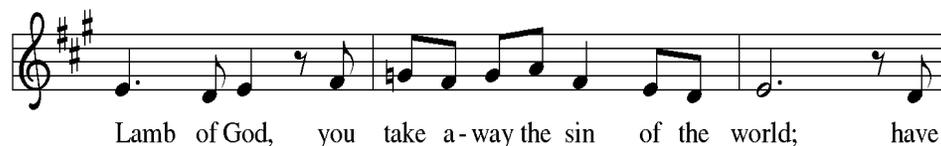
All: Some of us are invited to know that Jesus promises us New Life, even when the world hurts us.

P: Some of us are invited to look inside ourselves and use the strength of our faith to dismantle the systems that cause harm.

All: All are invited to this table to find the Jesus who brings New Life.

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD



Holy Communion is open to all.
Communion is by intinction down the center aisle.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG . . . “Sanctuary”

Favorite Hymn of Debbie Huff

Chorus

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Verse 1:

It is You, Lord who came to save
The heart and soul of humankind
It is You, Lord who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with Thine own hand

Verse 2:

Lead me on, Lord from temptation
Purify me from within
Fill my heart with Your Holy Spirit
Take away all my sin

Verse 3:

Lord please teach me to be your servant
Kind and gentle, humble and true to you
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living reflection of you

Chorus



COMMUNION SONG . . . “One Bread, One Body”

Chorus:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Chorus

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Chorus

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Chorus

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy,

All: and fed us at your table.

P: Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart,

All: serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may share in your great love.

All: Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are an everlasting God! Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: As we speak what we have heard,

All: God will give us the words.

P: As we go where we are sent,

All: Christ will lead the way.

P: As we love as we are loved,

All: the Spirit will work through our lives.

Those who desire extra time to exit are invited to do so during the last song.

SONG . . . “Every Move I Make”

Favorite Hymn of Cassie Di Paola

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

La la la la la la

Waves of mercy waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God this love how can it be

Repeat La las

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Repeat La las

Waves of mercy waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God this love how can it be

Repeat La las

Repeat La las (Clap)

Repeat La las

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: Thanks be to God!

The church



has left the building.