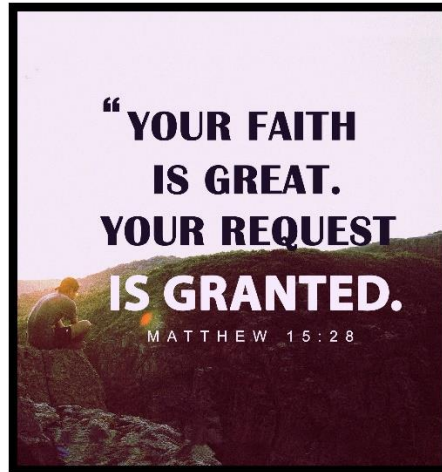


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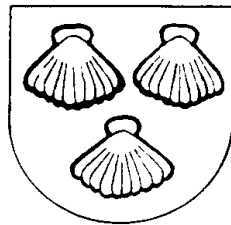
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Prelude

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

UMH 334

Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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Call to Worship

Eddie Candee

Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

We seek God's presence all around us.

Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

As we gather today,

may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

Eddie Candee

Merciful God, we thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day.

Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace for all. In Christ's mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Eddie Candee

Forgiving God, you know when we withhold forgiveness.

Merciful One, you know when we are not merciful.

Gracious Christ, you know when we are stingy with your grace.

Acceptor and Lover of all, you know when we reject and exclude.

Forgive us and reclaim us.

Strengthen us with your Spirit of love, that we may offer forgiveness and compassion in the pursuit of your unity and love.

In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Rom 11)

Eddie Candee

Response: Thanks Be to God!

LITURGIST: The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Let us STAND in body or spirit and Welcome one another in friendship and peace. AND pass a “wave” of peace to the people worshipping at home!

***Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Refrain

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Scripture

Genesis 45:1-15 (CEB)

Eddie Candee

Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, “Everyone, leave now!” So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. ² He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh’s household heard him. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?” His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified before him.

*Please stand as able

⁴ Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. ⁵ Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. ⁶ We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. ⁷ God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive^[a] and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. ⁸ You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

⁹ “Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: ‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. ¹⁰ You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. ¹¹ I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’ ¹² You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I’m speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you’ve seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. ¹⁵ He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28 (CEB)

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

¹³ He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides.^[a] If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

¹⁶ “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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Message

"Is It Fair?"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response to the Word (Gen 45, Ps 133, Matt 15)

Rev. Patricia Abell

Where forgiveness is needed,
forgive our sins, as we forgive others.
Where grace is yearned for,
**may we know grace upon grace,
and show the same to one another.**
Where mercy is required,
**may Christ's mercy flow through us,
that others may find mercy in us.**
Where unity is threatened,
**may your Spirit strengthen us
to be people of unity and love.**

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Eddie Candee

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Eddie Candee

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Refrain

He said Freely freely you have received
Freely freely give
Go in my name and because you believe
Others will know that I live

2. All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to
Refrain

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Benediction

Go in God's mercy and grace. **We will share God's mercy and grace.**
Go in Christ's peace and love. **We will share Christ's peace and love.**
Go, led by the Spirit, and be a blessing to the world. **We will be a blessing wherever we go.**
+May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Postlude

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Questions for Reflection

Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request?
How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love?
What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?

Household Prayer: MORNING

Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities for healing and reconciliation, for new beginnings and restored relationships. Unite my heart with your will so that your abundant anointing will flow through me.
Send me now with your promised blessings to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen..

Household Prayer: EVENING

God of the night watches, guard me from torment, release me from distress. Call me close to you and kiss me
with your favor that I may rest secure in you. Amen..

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