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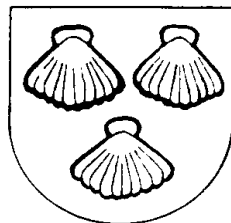
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“Giving Thanks in the Tough Times”

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WE GATHER

Prelude

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” arr. Calvin Taylor

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Welcome

Debra Bostron CLS

Gathering Song

“Keep Your Lamps” Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir

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Call to Worship

Mary Anne Espenshade

Called to service in Christ’s name, let us worship together and listen to God’s word.

We gather to worship God and bring comfort to those who hunger and thirst.

Step confidently into the river of faith.

We gather to help one another cross the River Jordan.

Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God.

We come to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

Your steadfast love endures forever, O God. How can we keep from singing your praises?

When we suffer from hunger and thirst, you deliver us from distress.

When our souls faint within us, you revive us with pools of clear water.

Help our hearts be humble, that we may seek the welfare of others before our own honor and glory.

In deepest humility, we ask that our steps never falter as we seek the welfare of all. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning

Mary Anne Espenshade

Strong deliverer, as we walk into the rivers of life, you part the waters and help us walk on dry ground.

We yearn to feel worthy of your great love,

but find it hard to humble ourselves and take the role of the servant.

We long to release fears that we will lose power and prestige,

that we will no longer hold places of honor, that we will be perceived as weak.

Heal our insecurities, O God.

Help us live Christ’s truth that the greatest are those who serve,

and that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Amen.

Words of Assurance

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

*Opening Hymn

“Christ Beside Me”

TFWS 2166

1. 1. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3 Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

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Children's Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37 (CEB)

Mary Anne Espenshade

Anthem

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"
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Chancel Choir

Message

"Giving Thanks In The Tough Times"

Jeff Williams

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Mary Anne Espenshade

Response: Hear our cries, O Lord; **come quickly to our aid.**

Offering

***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
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

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"The Summons"

TFWS 2130

1. Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean

4. Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found

*Please stand as able

And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me

To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me

5. Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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Benediction

Jeff Williams

Postlude

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Food for Thought

Joshua 3:7–17

Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37

Matthew 23:1–12

Jesus gives a sharp critique of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 23:1–12). It is easy to find faults in others; can you see any of the scribes’ and Pharisees’ behavior in yourself?

Each day this week, look for one example of exquisite humility exercised by someone (a family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, yourself) and meditate on what it means that the one who is humble is the greatest among us.

Household Prayer: MORNING

You have made the day, O God, to be a sign of your light, showering Earth with clarity and gladness. I thank you for this day, asking only that in all that I do and say, your joy in this world will shine through; in Jesus’ name. Amen. Amen.

Household Prayer: EVENING

For rest and quiet, you have made the night, O God. The day’s activity has slowed, and your people prepare for a time to dream. I thank you for all that has transpired in these last hours and for the assurance that with sleep will come, as well, your presence and guardianship. Bless this night, in the name of eternal goodness: Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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