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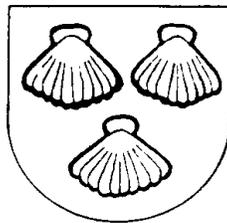
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9:30 am

“Blue and Red Make Purple: Kindness”

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Coming Together

Prelude "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (Holy Manna) Dale Wood

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

W & S 3122

**Christ has broken down the wall.
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.**

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Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

**God of Mercy,
we ask you to come mighty close,
for we are a divided world,
and we are not sure of our footing in this moment.
Steady us, and invite us
to "do unto others" in ways that build up
your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.**

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

W & S 3122

**(Sung)
We're accepted as we are.
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's power, all is reconciled;
we're accepted as we are.**

**Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.**

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Peace Across the Divide

Leader: Wait.

People: Breathe.

Leader: Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

People: Breathe again.

Leader: We are not alone.

People: Christ is with us.

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***Opening Hymn**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

UMH 121

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty

2. There is welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good
There is mercy with the Savior
There is healing in his blood

3. For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind

4. If our love were but more simple
We should rest upon God’s word
And our lives would be illumined
By the presence of our Lord

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Proclaiming Really Good News

The Jesus Tour Children’s Time

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Luke 6: 31-36, NRSVUE

Nancy Janson

Response: *Reader:* A word of God for our times.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

Refrain

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.

1. Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man no more

2. Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all

3. Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one for all

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Message

“Blue and Red Make Purple: Kindness”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer of “The Others”

Nancy Janson

We pray for safety,
for ourselves and others.
 We pray for healing,
for ourselves and others.
 We pray for the spiritual capacity for kindness,
for ourselves and others.
 We pray for freedom to live,
for ourselves and others.

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 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

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

“Live in Charity”

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Live in charity and steadfast love,
 live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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***Closing Hymn**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH 428

1. For the healing of the nations
 Lord we pray with one accord
 For a just and equal sharing
 Of the things that earth affords
 To a life of love in action
 Help us rise and pledge our word
 Help us rise and pledge our word

2. Lead us forward into freedom
 From despair your world release
 That redeemed from war and hatred
 All may come and go in peace
 Show us how through care and goodness
 Fear will die and hope increase
 Fear will die and hope increase

*Please stand as able

3. All that kills abundant living
Let it from the earth be banned
Pride of status race or schooling
Dogmas that obscure Your plan
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span
May we hallow life's brief span

4. You Creator God have written
Your great name on humankind
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind
That by our response and service
Earth and destiny may find
Earth and destiny may find

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

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**We will tear down the walls.
We will tear down every wall.
God has called us one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.**

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Postlude

"In Christ There is No East or West" Dale Wood

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Questions for Reflection

How do we persist in our integrity when the hard times come? If we receive the good things that God provides for us, what can we do with the bad things that happen in our lives?
What is God's relationship to the difficulties that we encounter?

Household Prayer: Morning
Help us, God, as we rise this day,
to seek out your will as we enjoy the good
and suffer through the bad.
Prove us, O God, and try us
so that we can learn the steps we need to take
to follow your ways. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

When I felt like a dejected child, rejected and lost,
your comfort surrounded me, and I felt as if I was home.

Thank you for your embracing heart, for making me feel special and loved,
for helping me up, and for saying that you are my brother, my Savior, my friend.
Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

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