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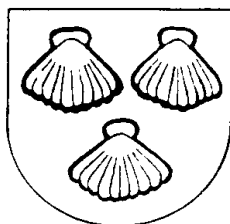
“Now That Faith Has Come”

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Gathering

Prelude

"Where True Love and Charity Abide" setting by Sally Drennan Mossing

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

"Spirit of God" (vs. 3)

TFWS 2117

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands,
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

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Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

As we have been baptized into Christ,

We are clothed with Christ.

And if we belong to Christ,

Then we are Abraham's offspring

And heirs according to the promise.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

Barbara Cook

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:29) guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Barbara Cook

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity. Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness

Refrain

O God my Father

Great is Thy faithfulness

There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

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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Passing of the Peace

Barbara Cook

Proclaiming

Scripture

Galatians 3: 23-29 (NRSVue)

Barbara Cook

Word in Music

Draw the circle,
draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone,
we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle,
draw the circle wide.

“Draw the Circle Wide” (see insert)
Draw the circle wide,
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle,
Draw the circle wide.

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Message

“Now That Faith Has Come”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response

Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

Barbara Cook

Lord’s Prayer

*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

UMH 94

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

***Closing Hymn**

1. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS 2151

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)" arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

Offered by Clarice Snyder

Question for Reflection

When do I feel the most separated from God? When do I feel closest to God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, today I will be tempted to wander away from you. By your Spirit, guide me in the ways you want me to go. I may become discouraged by my own limitations or by interactions I have with others. Direct my thoughts and words and actions so that they reflect your love, not only for me, but also for those around me. Remind me today and every day that, in Jesus Christ, I belong to you. That will be enough. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of day and night, as shadows lengthen let me gather my thoughts and feelings before you. Thank you for your presence today. Watch over me through the night. Be with those who are wakeful, either because they are doing their work, caring for others, or because of trouble that will not let them rest. Grant to all your peace, and the promise that your kingdom is coming as surely as the morning light. In this hope let all your people trust, giving you thanks and praise tonight, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

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