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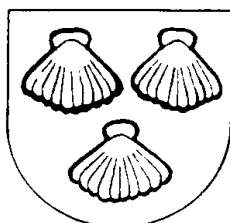
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10:00

“We Were Made for This”

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Gathering

Prelude

“Meditation on a Folk Song” arr. by Joseph M. Martin

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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.

Gathering Song

“Spirit of God” (vs. 4)

TFWS 2117

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

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Call to Worship

Edie Candee

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

We live a new life of spirit and truth.

Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

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**Creator God,
you sit at the Potter's Wheel
and continue to fashion beautiful things.
Open us to your ongoing re-shaping of our lives
and help us believe that we are capable of change.
Calm our fears, and animate our spirits
for this time of discovery. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

“Abba Father”

Chorus: Abba, Abba, Father. You are the potter; we are the clay. The work of your hands.

Verse: Mold us, Mold us and fashion us. Into the image of Jesus your Son. Of Jesus your Son **(CHORUS)**

Verse 2: Father, may we be one in You. May we be one in You. As He is in You. And You are in Him **(CHORUS)**

Verse 3: Glory, Glory and praise to You. Glory and praise to You. Forever, Amen. Forever. Amen

CHORUS: Abba, Abba, Father. You are the potter; we are the clay. The work of your hands. AB-BA!

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Passing of the Peace

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Proclaiming

Scripture

**Jeremiah 18: 1-6 (The Message)
Galatians 5: 1, 13-16, 21b-25 (NRSVue)**

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Word in Music

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

TFWS 2133

Give me a clean heart
So I may serve Thee
Lord fix my heart
So that I may be used by Thee
For I'm not worthy
Of all these blessings
Give me a clean heart
And I'll follow Thee

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Message

“We Were Made For This”

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Response

**Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World
Lord’s Prayer**

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***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**

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

Going Forth

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 38

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

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude "Hold On (Keep your Hand on the Plow)" arr. by Calvin Taylor **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Question for Reflection

To what is God calling me? How might others know that I walk in the Spirit with Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of renewal and joy, thank you for a night of rest, for home, for companionship,
and for all the gifts of Earth that make our lives possible.
Give us this day the sustenance needed for the work we have ahead of us.
Keep our vision clear and our resolve strong. Bless us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

For this day, O God, we give you thanks.
In all the joys that came our way, the challenges that showed us more about your world,
the people who made our meals and journeys, you revealed your care.
Keep us now this night from harm that when we rise from sleep,
we will again give thanks and praise to you. Bless us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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