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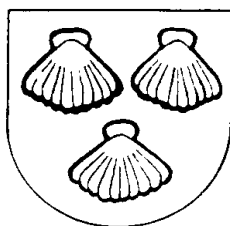
"Even Prayer Changes"

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Gathering

Prelude “Come Down O Love Divine” (Variation III on Down Ampney) (UMH 475) Jan Bender
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Welcome **Donna Benson, CLS**

Gathering Song “Change My Heart, O God” **TFWS 2152**

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.
 You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God, may I be like you.

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Call to Worship **Edie Candee**

- One: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart. I sing your praise and give thanks
for your steadfast love and faithfulness. You have exalted your name and your word above everything.
All: On the day I called, you answered me. You increased my strength of soul.
- One: Though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.
**All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.
You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**
- One: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
All: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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Opening Prayer **Edie Candee**

**Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises
and share Your love. You have shown Your faithfulness to us everyday in ways that we do not always
recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant care. Help us to entrust ours
lives to You and Your purposes, we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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***Opening Hymn** “Morning Has Broken” **UMH 145**

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| 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! | 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass. |
| 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day! | |

Passing of the Peace

Edie Candee

Proclaiming

Scripture

Edie Candee

Luke 11:1-13
Psalm 138

Word in Music

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer

2. Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
The joys I feel the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my savior shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

3. Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

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Message

“Even Prayer Changes”

Donna Benson, CLS

Response

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

Edie Candee

*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

UMH 94

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood
Refrain

Refrain
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love
Refrain

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with his goodness lost in his love
Refrain

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Benediction

Donna Benson

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

The Christian life is one of constant renewal, turning and returning to God. The Prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Amos all wrote to the rulers of cities: **My soul hates your worship mixed with your hypocrisy! Instead, learn to do good and seek justice: rescue the oppressed, defend the orphans, and treat the widows fairly! (Isa 1:10-17); This was the guilt of Sodom: they were arrogant, they had prosperous ease and excess of food, and yet they did not aid the poor and the needy (Ezek 16:49); You who oppress the poor and crush the needy . . . I shall overthrow you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah (Amos 4:1,11).** What would the Prophets say to the leaders of the nations today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, God of light, for waking me up this morning.
May I live wholly for you this day,
that whatever I say and do might help make a path for your coming reign.
Open my eyes to your goodness and my heart to your children.
I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this day,
its challenges and its blessings, its burdens and its delights.
Forgive my failures and misdeeds and refine my heart,
that I may greet the new day to live more faithfully for you. Amen.

RESOURCES:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

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