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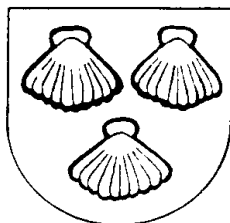


October 12, 2025
9:30 am
Invitation to the Table
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Gathering

Prelude "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" (UMH 596) J.S. Bach, J. G. Walther
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Welcome *Rev. Patricia Abell*

Gathering Song "Gather Us In" *TFWS 2236*

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| 1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name | 2. We are the young our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song |
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Call to Worship *Jan Petrosh*
People of Faith, come and see what God has done!
God has guided us and walked with us.
See how God has protected us.
God has brought us to this sacred space.
Let us give glory to God!
Let us sing praises to God!

Prayer of the Day *Jan Petrosh*
Holy One, we gather to sing your praises! We are grateful for the gift of this day
and all the ways you make your presence known. We are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways
the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls
and heal us. After we have spent time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your
love and grace with everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *Jan Petrosh*
Gracious God, there are times in our lives when we turn away from you, when we mess up, when we
push aside the needs of our community, and when we ignore your presence in our lives. It is during
these times that we cry out, "Have mercy on us!" In your loving, forgiving way, you reach out to heal
us, forgive us, and renew us. May your everlasting faith strengthen our resolve to follow Christ's
ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" *UMH 175*

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| 1. Jesus the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest | 2. O hope of every contrite heart
O joy of all the meek
To those who fall how kind thou art
How good to those who seek! |
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3. But what to those who find ah this
Nor tongue nor pen can show
The love of Jesus what it is
None but His loved ones know

4. Jesus our only joy be thou
As thou our prize wilt be
Jesus be thou our glory now
And through eternity

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Passing of the Peace

Jan Petrosh

ONE: The living Christ is here with us!

ALL: Praise be to God!

May the peace of Christ dwell deeply in our souls.

ALL: We will share this peace with the entire community.

Let us do so now.

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Luke 17: 11-19 (NRSVue)
Luke 14: 15 (NRSVue)

Jan Petrosh

Word in Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Chancel Choir

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Message

"Invitation to the Table"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Responding

Prayer for People, Church & World
Lord's Prayer

Jan Petrosh

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness
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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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

ONE: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, as you go from this place, may your faith grow stronger,

ALL: We will share the good news of Christ's healing love with the community.

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord" (UMH 139) J. G. Walther

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Questions for Reflection

In both the reading from Jeremiah and the reading from Luke, God is at work not only among the chosen people of Israel, but also among those considered enemies of Israel. God tells Israel to make its home among the Babylonians while in exile, seeking the welfare of the city to which they have been sent. Jesus heals a “double-outcast,” a man who is a Samaritan and a leper.

Is there someone in your own life whom you feel is an “enemy” to you—or someone you would rather not be associated with for some reason?

Who are enemies in a larger sphere (national, political, or social)?

How can you “seek their welfare”?

How may you, in faith, reach out to such a one?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endings, of packing up
decisions of keeping and leaving of saying goodbye
the practice of closing and tidying of moving
the finality of distance between of newness,
the lonely silence of emptiness.
Grant me the strength to start over. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Generous God,
a day of worship a day of rest
a day in community a day to be blessed
a day for offering a day for welcoming
a day of remembering a day of reckoning—
this is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Amen.

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