



*“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say,
“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!””*

~ Mark 10:47 (NRSV)



“Healing of the Blind Bartimaeus,” by Maria Laughlin, 2013.

Gathering as the Body of Christ.

CENTERING SONG

“COME BRING YOUR BURDENS TO GOD”

CLARK/MUNROE/STEMERICK

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, bring your bur-dens, oh, Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa-kho, wo - za nom - come, bring your bur - dens, oh, come, bring your bur-dens, bur - dens to God, come, bring your bur - dens to God for thwa - lo wa - kho, wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho U - Je - sus will nev - er say no. Je - sus will nev - er say no. Come, bring your no. ye - s' - s - ka - so - za - thi hayi. Wo - za nom - hayi." The score includes a "Solo" section and a "To repeat" section with a "Last time" ending.

African phonetics:

Woh-zah nohm-thwah-loh wah-khoh, U-yehs skah-soh-zah-thee hahyee

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GREETING

PRESIDER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

STUDENT MINISTER

Guiding God, meet us as we are, enter our worship,
fill our hearts with purpose and patience, mercy and strength.
We have been touched and changed by your presence in this place.
You have invited us to join you in making the world new.
Be with us now, as we celebrate and recommit ourselves in service.
Amen!

***OPENING HYMN**

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” vs. 1, 2

UMH 140

***CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

[All are invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

The baptismal font reminds us of God’s promise of cleansing and forgiveness. In that confidence, let us lift our voices in a prayer of confession.

Like the first disciples, we sometimes seek our own gain at the expense of others. Too often, we are preoccupied with our own rank and status; we wonder how we measure up and judge others in the process. We want our faith to be deep and unshakeable, but we struggle to trust. We put limits around grace and fail to love as freely and whole-heartedly as we’d like.

Let us bring before God the prayers of our hearts in a moment of silence.

Hear the Good News: God calls to us with a tender voice and arms outstretched. Love is reaching out for you!

Love is reaching out for you!

We are not beyond where God’s love extends.

Love makes all things new.

Alleluia! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

STUDENT MINISTER

You are invited to pass the peace to each other in a non-contact way that’s comfortable to you and your neighbor.

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

POEM

“THE LIGHT OF YOUR WAY”

SYMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN

In this poem, Byzantine Christian monk and poet Symeon the New Theologian leads us to recognize God’s presence within, that the Tree of Life is rooted in our hearts and that paradise is here, within us and inside every moment. “As we find our hearts and discover the real life within, we naturally interact with each other and the planet in awe and reverence. In this way we steadily reveal paradise to one another.”

You have flooded my heart
with the light of your way,
and you have raised up in me
the Tree of Life.
You have shown me a new heaven
upon the earth.
You have shown me a secret Garden,
unseen within the seen.
Now am I joined soul and spirit
present in your Presence—
Your Presence that has waited long in me,
your Presence, the true Tree of Life,
planted in whatever this earth is,
planted in whatever it is that men are,
planted, and rooted in the heart,
Your Presence all at once revealing your Paradise
alive with every good green thing:
grasses and trees and the fruiting bounty,
a world of flowers!
sweet-scented lilies!
Each little flower speaks a truth:
humility and joy,
peace, oh peace!
kindness, compassion,
the turning of the soul,
and the flood of tears
and the strange ecstasy
of those bathed in your light.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STUDENT MINISTER

God who inspires, may the reading of the word be full of your spirit.
And may the hearing of the word dance in our ears, stir in our hearts,
and draw us closer to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 10:46-52

NRSV

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, verses 46 through 52.

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

S. Minister Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

READER So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”

S. Minister Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Hear what God is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

REV. DR. DIANE BOGUES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

STUDENT MINISTER

Spirit of Life and Love,
we live in a fragmented world that tempts us to despair.

**We would put it back together, piece by piece if it were ours to choose
But sometimes the fragments are enough.**

In a world of cruelty,
there is still power in every act of kindness.

**In a time of doubt,
there is still power in every act of hope.**

In an age of division,
there is still power in every act of unity.

May we remember that sometimes the fragments of meaning we make are just the right size to hold in our hand. Amen.

Service of the Table

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY SONG

“AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE”

INSTRUMENTAL

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Presider The Lord is here.

God’s Spirit is with us.

S. Minister Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

S. Minister It is our duty and our joy
to give you thanks and praise, O God,
creator and sustainer of the universe.

We give you thanks
for sun and sea and sky, for bush and birds,
for phases of the moon, for stars at night,
and planets in their courses.
All you make is very good.
For the universe we praise you
we worship and adore you.

Presider We give you thanks
for our creation and our calling,
for friendship and community,
for love and laughter,
tears and pain of growth.
For your gift of life we praise you
we worship and adore you.

S. Minister We give you thanks with those who went before us,
with saints and martyrs,
evangelists and prophets.

Presider With all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
from every culture, land and tongue,
we praise you, giving voice to every creature,
as we join the never ending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

S. Minister Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ,
who came among us as a servant and a friend
to reconcile us to yourself.
We thank you for that life of love,
the good news of your reign,
and the promise of a banquet
where all your children shall be free.

For your gift of Christ we praise you
we worship and adore you.

Presider To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you;
do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

For new life in Christ we praise you
we worship and adore you.
Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ
and give us your peace, **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRESIDER

We have a few COVID related options for those who wish to partake. If you wish to receive from the ministers, take an empty eco-friendly cup from the stack on the aisle table and approach the minister, who will place a piece of bread in your open hand. (Or take a cup that already has a piece of gluten-free bread in it, or take one of the sealed celebration cups with the wafer on top and juice beneath; hold them out to the minister for a blessing.) A minister will pour grape juice into your cup. Eat, drink, and dispose of the cup in the waste baskets at the side aisles as you return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward, please signal the ministers and we will come to you at your seat. Those who prefer not to partake in Communion are invited to a different kind of divine encounter through an ecumenical prayer of blessing. If this is your preference, we invite you to meet the preacher at the baptismal font.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at this table where Christ is the host.

For anyone for whom kneeling is part of your tradition, there are folding kneelers behind most chairs.

Going *Forth as the Body of Christ*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

S. Minister For the peace of Christ we praise you
we worship and adore you.
 Through Christ our Redeemer,
 in the power of the Spirit,
 we worship you, O God,
 in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
 here and everywhere,
 now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG*“FOR EVERYONE BORN”****SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY**

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BENEDICTION*SENDING & POSTLUDE**

Listen to God; Bridge the chasm

You are welcome to keep your bulletin, but if you do not wish to keep it please place it on the table at the entrance to the chapel as you leave.

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*To serve the universal church of our Creator.
To minister to the unique and diverse needs of the seminary community.
To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference and challenges the normative.*

For Everyone Born

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver -
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's
 for young and for old, the right to be -
 for just and un - just, a new way to
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be

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 FOR EVERYONE BORN

Refrain

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head.
fair.
long.
live.
free.

And God will de-light when we are cre-

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a-tors of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,

C#m7 E/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus4 B E Bsus4 B

last time
E

jus-tice and joy.