

“Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
- Exodus 3:5



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August 30, 2020 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: In a time of bitterness and pain,

Many: God raised up Moses,
and changed the lives of a people.

One: From the shadow of death,

Many: God raised up Jesus,

and changed the lives of all people.
One: In every time, and in every place,
Many: God raises up witnesses,
people whose lives are changed forever.

Hymn

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!
2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. [Refrain]
3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. [Refrain]

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ's name.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Tom Cavicchia

Hymn

"Here I Am Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord
If you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

2 I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save Finest bread I will provide

'Til their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. eternal.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

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

Prayer of Dedication

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you,

O God, we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

- 1 I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 2 Though none go with me, I still will follow; (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 3 The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.
- 4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x)

no turning back, no turning back.

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com