

September 13, 2020

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord we come today with hearts on fire for you, and at the same time we are in need of healing. Give us peace and space to meet you in this time of worship. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Thomas Manning

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord.

People: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path...

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us—in life and death—from God. So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God.

People: We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope. We want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor. We long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends. Forgive us, Loving God, that we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace to touch those who frighten us, to carry the bread of life to the hungry, to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

People: God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 5:25-34

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks

SPECIAL MUSIC:

King of Love my Shepherd

Presented by Dylan Rhem

MESSAGE: *Stopping Jesus in his Tracks*

Going Forth to Serve

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion:

People: God of reconciliation and healing, you have brought us together. We pray that you hold us tight as we go into the world, sharing this healing with others. Amen.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

POSTLUDE

He Touched Me

by Wm. Gaithe

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Leslie Menconi, Reader

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor