

SUNDAY, 8/9/2020
10 a.m.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRELUDE

Deb Verdegan, Keyboard

CENTERING WORDS AND OPENING PRAYER

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We are prone to point the finger at others and to pervert justice by exaggerated charges. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own community. Some of us live in half-empty houses while there are families crowded into rooms too small for them, if they have rooms at all.

I know this is not good news. However, this is a call and a cry on our hearts to look at the waters of our baptism and how that good news is lived out in our lives every day. To accept the freedom and power God has given us to resist evil, injustice and oppression in our world is to accept a responsibility and it is a privilege.

Generosity is an act of justice—recognizing our own privilege, understanding how our money is spent. Resistance is only generative if we know that the freedom and power God gives us is the generative part. It feels good to be generous, because God’s dream for the world looks like us giving all that we can in order to build kingdom—sometimes for us to give more is an act of justice to folks in circumstances that are different. Giving to God’s mission is a different kind of economy.

Gracious God, we thank you for the living water we know in Jesus, that continues to reveal to us your holiness and our righteousness. We deplore this gap, yet we rejoice that your waters reveal to us a power that is only captured by your greatness. By your might, we are both encouraged and challenged. We are reassured to see your face turned in our direction, bidding us to come unto you, especially in the tumultuous waters. As we prepare for worship, we listen now, O God, for your word. Let its message wash over our minds that we may have a mind like Christ. Let its spirit quicken our hearts that we may love as Jesus loved. Let its power speed our steps that we may do as Jesus did. Amen.

*Please join in singing our opening song today.
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SONG

Baptized in Water

F2248

Deb Verdegan, Piano
Rev. Cathy Christman & Deb Verdegan, Vocalists

PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Prayer/Lead Us Lord

Irene Verdegan, vocal and piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Cathy Christman

LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Cathy Christman

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and

will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Splash Zone #2 - Resistance*
Rev. Cathy Christman

SERMON *A Just Act/Generosity as Justice* Rev. Cathy Christman

MINISTRY MOMENT: *Recognizing the Privilege to Give*
Rev. Cathy Christman

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CLOSING SONG *As A Fire Is Meant for Burning* F2237
Deb Verdegan, Piano
Rev. Cathy Christman & Deb Verdegan, Vocalists

SENDING FORTH Rev. Cathy Christman

POSTLUDE Deb Verdegan, Keyboard

THANK YOU TO MIKE LOWE AS OUR LITURGIST, OUR VOCALISTS, OUR SPECIAL MUSIC BY IRENE VERDEGAN AND DEB VERDEGAN AS MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE TODAY.

The service today was recorded at Mike & Barbara Lowe's home.

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