

**9.8.19**

**Worship at The WELL**

**Gathering Music**

**Greeting from The Band and Each Other**

**Song for All**                      “All the People Said Amen”

**Announcements & Community Connections**

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Pad as it is passed.*

**Giving our Gifts**

**Call to Prayer**

Let us come before our holy and loving God, confessing our sins with honesty and faith:

*Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowling here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart  
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

**Confession and Assurance**

Holy God, you see into our hearts.  
You see the true selves we try to hide from others,  
the sins we fear would destroy our images,  
the unhealthy habits that have been with us so long  
they no longer prick our consciences.  
But you also see in us Jesus Christ,  
the Holy One who showed us your love and compassion,  
who carried the weight of our sins so we no longer have to  
and reconciled us to you.  
Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
Where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
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## Call to Renewed Living

Loving us, help us to love anew today by walking in Jesus' way.

*So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
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## The Word from Scriptures

Luke 10: 25-37

*"Compassion: How to Change Your World" Sermon Series*

## The Message

*"The Lens of Compassion"*

## Prayer Station—A Compassion Exercise

(See BELOW)

## Focus Song

*"Takin' it To the Streets"*

*You don't know me but I'm your brother  
I was raised here in this living hell  
You don't know my kind in your world  
Fairly soon the time will tell  
You, telling me the things you're gonna do for me  
I ain't blind and I don't like what I think I see  
Takin' it to the streets  
(takin' it to the streets)  
Take this message to my brother  
You will find him everywhere  
Wherever people live together  
Tied in poverty's despair*

## Prayer for All

## Song for All

*"You Are Good"*

## Blessing

## Parting Music

## **A Compassion Exercise**

*Honesty with one's self leads to compassion for others.*

**OBJECTIVE:** To increase compassion in your world.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:** A personal sense of peace and increased compassion for others.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This exercise can be done anywhere that people congregate. It should be done on a stranger, unobtrusively, from some distance on the same person.

**Step 1:** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:

*"Just like me, this person is seeking some happiness for his/her life."*

**Step 2:** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:

*"Just like me, this person is trying to avoid suffering in his/her life."*

**Step 3:** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:

*"Just like me, this person has knows sadness, loneliness and despair."*

**Step 4:** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:

*"Just like me, this person is seeking to fulfill his/her needs."*

**Step 5:** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:

*"Just like me, this person is learning about life."*

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**In what ways might you be called by Christ to expand the reach of your compassion?**