



7.24.22

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Call to Worship**

Dick Morrison

One: Welcome to worship. Choose again this day whom you will serve.  
Will you serve the one who opens doors, invites hope,  
challenges our stereotypes, and nourishes our weary souls?

**All: Yes! We come with all that we are  
and all that we have,  
to worship the living God!**

**Hymn**

“Spirit Song”

*O let the Son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
And his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

**Refrain:** *Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

*O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
Give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.  
[Refrain]*

**Prayer of the People**

Dick Morrison

**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 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.**

**Special Music**

“Walk in Peace”

by Lowell Prescott

*featuring Wendy and Mark Becker*

**Scripture**

Luke 18: 1-8

Rev. Linda Stephan

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Short Stories by Jesus Series:  
“The Widow and The Judge”*

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## A Prayer of Confession

Dick Morrison

One: Most Holy One,  
You create a vast world  
And celebrate our differences  
While never delighting in division or injustice.  
You mystify us with your ability to name clearly:  
Right from wrong; Truth from fiction; Trust over fear.  
And yet, your grace reaches to the ends of the earth;  
Your mercy knows no bounds; and  
Your steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Most holy of holies,  
We humbly confess  
We prefer to stereotype, when we should listen.  
We prefer easy answers to complex dilemmas.  
We prefer to divide ourselves rather than ask for your help.**

One: But you would have us be one, and just, and holy.

**All: So transform us to the people you would have us be.  
Uniting the world, in Jesus name. Amen.**

## Giving Gifts We've Brought for God

Rev. Linda Stephan

*(hosts will circulate with buckets, QR code for online giving on front of bulletin)*

## Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.  
  
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

## Parting Blessing

Rev. Linda Stephan

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

Liturgist: Dick Morrison

Music: Mark and Wendy Becker

A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone

Greeters: Missions Team

Set-up team leader: Mark Jackson