



8.7.22

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Linda Stephan

**Call to Worship**

John Miner

ONE: When we long for the special effects and dazzling entertainment  
we think life should offer:

**ALL: It is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.**

ONE: When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt,  
and parched spiritual lives:

**ALL: It is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us,  
even in this moment.**

ONE: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

**ALL: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us in silence, saying  
"Be still and know that I am God".**

ONE: May we all find in this hour more than enough to praise our God.

**Hymn**

"I Come With Joy"

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known;  
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.*

**Prayer of Confession/Assurance**

John Miner

ONE: God of grace and goodness, your mercy comes to us in ways that continually surprise us,  
for you appear to offer such mercy with no strings attached which is so different from the  
way we so often act and live. Scripture teaches us today how Naaman's wealth was of no  
consequence in his healing. This act of grace sadly shines a light on our actions when we  
place conditions on our love and our acceptance of persons within our communities. The  
list of people we exclude could be endless: wrong political persuasion; doubtful education-  
al standard; unacceptable racial background; single parent; AIDS victim. Perhaps our  
greatest sin, O God, lies in believing that we know where the boundaries of divine love  
and mercy are drawn.

**ALL: Forgive us, O God, when we deprive people of the love that is due them  
as people unconditionally loved by you.**

ONE: Help us to see people with Jesus' eyes and to be moved by his compassion so that we become active and fearless bearers of healing and mercy. Empower us with your Spirit to be barrier-breakers rather than barrier-builders or others, from your love as we experience it in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. This we pray in his name. Amen.

**ALL: Just as those in the bible were made clean by a touch and a word from Jesus, so we are cleansed from all unrighteousness because of Christ's Grace. Friends, believe and live the good news: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are cleansed, we are forgiven!**

**ALL: (loudly): Thanks be to God who heals and makes whole!**

#### 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** "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" African-American Spiritual  
*featuring Diane Clark*

**Scripture** 11 Kings 5: 1-14 Rev. Chris Lane  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *An UnDignified Witness Series:*  
"Naaman's Ridiculous Healing!" Rev. Chris Lane

**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. Chris Lane

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

Liturgist: John Miner Music: Diane Clark

A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Silvio Ciccone, Quinn Thomas

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**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



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