



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
August 7, 2022

PRELUDE "Trio Gratieusement from Suite on the 1st Tone " by L.N. Clerambault
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

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" UMH No. 617

BLESSING THE CHILDREN Rev. Linda Stephan

CHORUS "Lord of the Dance" (all sing)

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I come down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever
you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he.*

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

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 educational
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
and remind us, if necessary over and over, that nothing can

separate us, 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

UMH No. 895

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

African-American Spiritual

featuring Diane Clark

SCRIPTURE READING

11 Kings 5: 1-14

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

An Undignified Witness Sermon Series

MESSAGE

"Naaman's Ridiculous Healing!"

Rev. Chris Lane

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: Into our communion, and into your eternal loving kindness we offer prayers - for ourselves, for each other, for our families, for our beautiful and broken world of nations and peoples.

ALL: Thank you for hearing us. Thank you for speaking to us. Thank you for your abiding presence in every breath of all creation and beyond.

ONE: On the night before he died, Jesus had a meal with his friends. While they were eating, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." After supper he took the cup and said, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me." When Jesus took bread and wine, he gave new meaning to commonplace things. So come now, Holy Spirit, pour your goodness into these gifts of bread and cup, and into us your people, that these common elements, and we ordinary persons might become Christ's body, your gift for the healing of the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY

UMH No. 94 (words on screens)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Chris Lane

HYMN

"Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom"

UMH No. 508

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

POSTLUDE

"Prelude to Te Deum"

by Marc Charpentier

featuring Tom Bara, organ

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience. (If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan

LITURGIST: John Miner MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Diane Clark, vocalist

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Bartlett, Craig Jones, Erica Jones, Jim Ondrajka,
Quinn Thomas; Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator
Silvio Ciccone, production director

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



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