

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith [10.3]*

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, *including Concerns & Celebrations*

“O God of all creation, **be our hope and trust.**”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior* Cathy Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 741 “Guide My Feet” GUIDE MY FEET

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *A Gaelic Blessing* setting John Rutter

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PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister

LITURGIST: Jennifer Frey

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

The flowers in worship today are provided by Kathryn Fowler in loving memory of her dad,

Dennis Fowler on the 100th anniversary of his birth.



January 30, 2022

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision* setting John Rutter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Spirit of God, Descend Upon Our Hearts* Dan R. Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many ways through the course of our days.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

*HYMN 301 "Let Us Build a House" TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs.

We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own.

**Our boundaries are drawn for our own family,
our own congregation, our own neighborhood.**

**We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable,
and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome.**

But your kingdom has no boundary.

Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one.

Soften our hearts to those we rage against.

Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table.

Renew us with your abundant mercy, which knows no end. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 581 (GTG) "Gloria Patri" Greatorex

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 13: 1-13

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life" LAND OF REST