

MEDITATION: The good news is that God loves me long before I could have done anything to deserve it. *Desmond Tutu*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God who alone can heal us and make us whole.

All: Open our hearts that you may transform our lives with your healing touch.

One: We gather to worship God who alone speaks the word that calls forth life.

All: Open our minds that you may transform us with your authoritative Word.

One: We gather to worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Open our spirits that you may transform us by your powerful Spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, come be with us; disturb us, inspire us, give us that which you know we need, rather than that which we desire.

Restore us to the adventure of discipleship, the joy of service to a true and living God. Amen.

HYMN: #64R All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1,3 & 5)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*all in unison*)

Holy One, you established your realm anew on earth in the advent of Jesus. By your authority vested in him and his obedience to your purpose, the power of evil was overcome, sin and death were defeated. Yet we live as though this were not so, as though human power were supreme, as though we could save ourselves. O God, we confess the fears that grip us, and the

credence we give to false prophets and worldly wisdom. As members of this society, we are both the oppressed and the oppressors, and greatly in need of your deliverance. Forgive our sin, and set us free from all that would hold us in bondage. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the midst of struggle, dis-ease and affliction, know that you are made in God's image and God sees you as whole and good. So may you celebrate God in your midst through opportunities of wholeness and justice.

GLORIA PATRI (*all in unison, please stand if able*) *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen*

CHORAL ANTHEM

UNISON READING: #Psalm 111, p.525 in pew bible
Scripture lessons

Hebrew scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, p.163

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28, p. 30

SERMON: Let the Caged Bird Sing!

HYMN: #93R Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

L: Let us join in prayer. The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

OFFERING

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Doxology #514 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF

Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (intinction, wine in pottery, juice in silver)

HYMN #272R Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light; for Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night. (Tune of Amazing Grace)

Postlude

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