

Sunday September 6th, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on His name.

**All: We will tell the world what God has done.**

One: Sing to the Lord, sing praises; and tell all of God's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name.

**All: We seek the Lord and his strength.**

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

**All: All who do so rejoice to the core of their being.**

Hymn:                    VU 508                    “Just As I Am”

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach    (said together)

**Holy is your name, O Lord. Grant us now the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive your word with joy and thanksgiving, praise you for your goodness, and give ourselves to you in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:                    VU 343                    “I Love To Tell The Story”

Old Testament Reading:                    Exodus 5: 1-21

Gospel Reading:                                Luke 13: 1-9

Prayer of Reflection    (said together)

**O God, your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life. We want to cease to do evil. We want to learn to do good. Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need.**

**As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon. Grant us courage, we pray, as persons and as communities, to bring about the world you desire.**

*Time of Reflection*

## Words of Assurance

One: Be assured that God's love is sufficient, we have been given all that we need. God hears our cries, and comes to save us.

**All: Through Christ we may lay aside our sins; through Christ, we know we are safe. Amen.**

Anthem: Louis Armstrong – “Go Down, Moses (Let My People Go)”  
Video by Nina Paley

Message: Figgy Pudding

Hymn: VU - “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

## The Offering

***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.  
Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU - “And Can It Be?”

## The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day;  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above!  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: The Church Sisters – “In The Garden”