



Missal

Friday, June 22, 2018

Theme: ... to be neighbour to our LGBTQ+ neighbours

GATHERING

SCREEN: *LGBTQIA+ images*

Brad *begins playing*

8:30 – **Leader 1** *places stole on table on dias and Brad transitions to “God is here today”*

SONG: *God is here today - STCW #56*

GATHERING PRAYER:
Assembly is invited to stand

Leader 1: **God of grace, you walked among us so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Help us to see that our fear of difference creates a constricted, exclusive, and small religion and life. Tear down the walls we erect and open our hearts until all of your creation is unbound and free to experience the abundance into which you invite us. Amen.**

SONG: *Drawn to the Light – EvLW #593*

PSALMODY / WORD

GOSPEL: John 11:17, 33-44 / Psalm 139:1, 13-16
Assembly is invited to sit

SCREEN: *Gospel/Psalm video, including different people each reading a line of Psalm 139 from The Inclusive Bible. Closing with a screen of all the different faces of the readers.*

Reader 1: **Hear the gospel according to John.**
Praise to you, O Lord.

Reader 1: **When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Jesus saw [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said [to Martha],**

Jesus: “Remove the stone.”

Reader 2: “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

Jesus: (to her) “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

Jesus: (to all) “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

Reader 1: **They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed,**

Jesus: “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

Reader 1: **Once he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,**

Jesus: “Lazarus, come out!”

Reader 1: **The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.**

Voice #1: YHWH, you've searched me,
Voice #2: And you know me.
Voice #3: You created my inmost being
Voice #4: And stitched me together in my mother's womb.
Voice #5: For all these mysteries I thank you--
Voice #6: For the wonder of myself,
Voice #7: For the wonder of your works--
Voice #8: My soul knows it well.
Voice #9: My frame was not hidden from you
Voice #10: While I was being made in that secret place,
Voice #11: Knitted together in the depths of the earth;
Voice #12: Your eyes saw my body even there.
Voice #13: All of my days
Voice #14: Were written in your book,
Voice #15: All of them planned
Voice #16: Before even the first of them came to be.

then the gospel concludes . . .

Reader 1: Then Jesus turned to the crowd and said,

Jesus: "Unbind them, and let them go!"

Reader 1: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Silence

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader 2: Please stand as you are able.
Gesture people to stand

God of all mercy and consolation,

We are often oblivious to the ways in which we oppress and are complicit in the oppression of our neighbors. We have sinned through our actions and our lack of action. We have not always loved and welcomed those different from us into the church with open arms and a mindset of re-imagining. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may live and serve you in newness of life in your holy name.

All: When we have had power,
we have forgotten what it is for.
We have not used our gifts
to speak truth to power in love,
to lift up the voices of those beaten down.

When we have been weak,
we have let ourselves be told
we were broken beyond repair,
and forgotten the promise that each of us
is Your child, made in Your image.
We have listened to the noise of the world
that says what we get is what we deserve.
We have forgotten your grace.
In this space, remind us.

Leader 2: **Hear the good news! God has not watched from far away, but has come near to be with us, to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life. God has declared that we are not separate, but one family, united in Jesus our Lord.**

All: Amen. Alleluia!

SENDING

SENDING SONG: *Love Has Broken Down the Wall* (Mark Miller)

PEACE:

Bruce puts on stole

Leader 1: **Go in Peace, and BE the Good News.**
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Instrumental reprise of "Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*

Worship Leaders

Leader 1:	Rev. Bruce Thompson
Leader 2:	Sydney Marshall
Reader 1:	Rev. Riitta Hepomaki
Reader 2:	Rev. Doug Reble
Voice of Jesus:	Kuukuwa Andam
Voice 1:	Warren Wepler
Voice 2:	George Younes
Voice 3:	Sonja Patterson with daughter Emily
Voice 4:	Rev. JoAnne Lam and children
Voice 5:	Jordan Smith
Voice 6:	Janet Youngman
Voice 7:	Wesley Brain
Voice 8:	Mya Anderson
Voice 9:	Elisabeth Hannah
Voice 10:	Shirley Johnson
Voice 11:	Dorinda Kruger Allen
Voice 12:	Roseanne Irving
Voice 13:	Anitta Smith
Voice 14:	Maria Newman
Voice 15:	Gyeong Kim
Voice 16:	Carolyn Conibear

Music and Art

Music Director:	Brad Moggach
Song Leader:	Kathryn Smith
Percussion:	Rev. Ronnie Smith
Percussion:	Cherub Philip
Opening Slideshow:	Sherry Coman
Video:	Carmen Smith

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