



“Blessed are those who always do what is fair. Blessed are those who keep doing what is right.” Psalm 106:3

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Even though we don’t always feel it, God is with us.

People: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

Leader: Yet God is with us.

People: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

Leader God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God’s abundant love.

People: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God’s healing words of hope. AMEN.

*Hymn: # 22 God of the Sparrow

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

God of hope, we ask that you show us the ways we can realize our potential, not in earthy terms, but in being worthy of your love and guidance. When you ask us to serve, let us be ready and joyful, not reluctant or distracted. Help us to be your messengers, inviting all to join together that we may be seated elbow to elbow at your heavenly banquet.

Holy and beloved God, you promise us your Spirit – a constant companion, a wise guide, a source of courage and peace. Yet we confess that we often close our hearts to your presence. We cling to control when you ask us to trust, and we

choose comfort over calling. You lead us to those in need, but we hesitate to help. You open doors for justice, but we walk past them in awkward silence. You whisper the truth, but we turn up the volume of living our lives. Forgive us, Lord God. Unclench our hands. Unblock our ears. Unbind our hearts. And wherever we are – wherever you send us – help us walk in your Way. Amen.

Word of Assurance

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Matthew 22;1-14 (included in the message)

Sermon: **“No Excuses”**

*Hymn: #363 Rejoice the Lord is King

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, you prepare a feast of rich food for all people. Give us the grace to join you in the feast and give us the faith to share our part of your abundance with all our neighbors. In Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, made flesh for us and for the sake of the world. These gifts are a reflection of your grace and an offering of our love, for the healing and restoration of all people. We give ourselves to you for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

*Hymn # 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Jesus has told us who needs us to care.

People: As we go out into God's world, we will keep our eyes open for those who are hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, or imprisoned.

Leader: Christ charges us to see Him in them. We must help them and remember we are God's beloved. The Holy Spirit lives in you.

People: Christ's compassion shines forth in what we do. We can live as those who know and have experienced God's goodness.

Leader: Go now in peace.

Benediction

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Person this week is: **Betty Sowers**

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