

## Order of Worship

October 4th 2020 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

### Call to Worship

We come to worship this morning from different places.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Deny yourselves."

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Take up your cross."

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Follow me."

**O God,**

**we thank you for drawing near to us**

**in this place,**

**in our lives. Amen.**

written by Joanna Harader

### Hymn of Praise

#### [The Gospel Changes Everything](#)

#### Verse 1

The gospel changes ev'rything  
The turning point in history  
Even now it's changing me from  
who I was  
The story of my Savior calls  
Me to the wonder of the cross  
The gospel changes ev'rything  
And it is changing me  
The gospel changes ev'rything  
The turning point in history  
Even now it's changing me from  
who I was  
The story of my Savior calls  
Me to the wonder of the cross  
The gospel changes ev'rything  
And it is changing me

#### Chorus

You saved my soul by Your blood  
And I'm undone by Your great love  
You made a way so I could come  
Just as I am to You my God

#### Verse 2

Jesus changes ev'rything  
There is no greater mystery  
That God would come to rescue me  
From who I was  
The kindness of my Savior calls  
Me to the wonder of His love  
Jesus changes ev'rything  
And He is changing me

#### Chorus

You saved my soul by Your blood  
And I'm undone by Your great love  
You made a way so I could come  
Just as I am to You my God

#### Chorus

You saved my soul by Your blood  
And I'm undone by Your great love  
You made a way so I could come  
Just as I am to You my God

#### Ending

You made a way so I could come  
Just as I am to You my God  
To You my God  
Just as I am to You my God

## Opening Prayer

We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—  
the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—  
who hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid;  
who meets us on holy ground and calls us follow;  
who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,  
take up our cross,  
and discover what it means to truly live.  
This is our God!  
Let's worship together. **Amen.**

## Special Music

*God Who Sets Us On A Journey*  
Joy Dine and Jillian Margaret Bray

## Scripture Reading

Rebecca Paschal, reader

*Matthew 16:13-18;24-26 (NRSV)*

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

24 ...Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*The Pioneer Spirit*  
Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

Rebecca Paschal, reader

## Offertory

*Joy In The Journey*

Michael Card

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen.**

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## Communion

### Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

### Communion Hymn

#### [Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer](#)

#### Verse 1

Jesus draw me ever nearer  
As I labour through the storm  
You have called me to this  
passage  
And I'll follow though I'm worn  
Chorus  
May this journey bring a  
blessing  
May I rise on wings of faith  
And at the end of my heart's  
testing  
With Your likeness let me wake

#### Verse 2

Jesus guide me through the  
tempest  
Keep my spirit staid and sure  
When the midnight meets the  
morning  
Let me love You even more

#### Chorus

May this journey bring a  
blessing  
May I rise on wings of faith  
And at the end of my heart's  
testing  
With Your likeness let me wake

#### Verse 3

Let the treasures of the trial  
Form within me as I go  
And at the end of this long  
passage  
Let me leave them at Your  
throne

#### Chorus

May this journey bring a  
blessing  
May I rise on wings of faith  
And at the end of my heart's  
testing  
With Your likeness let me wake

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## **Back Talk**

## **Closing Prayer**

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ, to understand the Living Christ, to be moved by the Living Christ. This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ, to serve the Living Christ, to praise the Living Christ. This new day is fresh with possibility to love God, others and ourselves as Christ. With grateful hearts we pray, Amen.

~ adapted from Rev. Christine Sobania

## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

*You Walk With Me*

from *The Full Monty* by David Yazbek

**Our love in action now begins...**

**Our Sunday School is next...**

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**This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Michael Schoepe & Paul Dankers.**