

**Order of Worship**  
November 12th, 2023 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

**Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

**Thank you all; thank you, God.**

**Amen.**

~ Beth Merrill Neel, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.'

**Hymn of Praise**

*Give Me Faith*

**Verse 1**

I need You to soften my heart

And break me apart

I need You to open my eyes

To see that You're shaping my life

great

I'm broken inside I give You my life

**Verse 2**

I need You to soften my heart

And break me apart

I need You to pierce through the

dark

And cleanse every part of me

**Pre-Chorus**

All I am

I surrender

**Chorus**

Give me faith to trust what You say

That You're good and Your love is

**Pre-Chorus**

All I am

I surrender

**Chorus**

Give me faith to trust what You say

That You're good and Your love is

great

I'm broken inside I give You my life

**Bridge**

'Cause I may be weak

But Your Spirit's strong in me

My flesh may fail

My God You never will

(REPEAT)

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**Opening Prayer**

Lord God,

Maker of heaven and earth,

we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices,

to offer You our worship and thanksgiving,

our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, living Lord.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,

transform our hearts and minds

so that we may recognize Your presence,

hear Your voice,

know Your will,

and walk in Your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior.

**Amen.**

## Special Music

*New Light*

Les DeRose

## Scripture Reading

**Romans 12, 1 – 21**

**NIV**

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

*Soul Transformation*

The Rev. Dr. Charla Belinski

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Hero*

Mariah Carey & Walter Afanasieff

## 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.*

### Closing Hymn

*You Are Mine*

#### Verse 1

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

#### Chorus

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

#### Chorus

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

#### Verse 2

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

#### Verse 3

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in  
shame.  
All the blind will see,  
The lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.

#### Verse 4

I am the Word that leads all to  
freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot  
give.  
I will call your name,  
Embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live!

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### Closing Prayer

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us  
then this world would be transformed, Lord.  
If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us  
then this world would be transformed, Lord  
If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us  
then this world would be transformed, Lord.  
If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you  
then this world would be transformed, Lord.  
If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us  
then this world would be transformed, Lord.  
If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church  
then this world would be transformed, Lord.  
Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world  
through your love and your power.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

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

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

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Fellowship Host – Pam Cathcart  
Greeters – Meredith Hall and Dillon Cosenza  
Scripture Reader and PoP – Susan Kelly Crowley

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