

Order of Worship: Sunday, September 19, 2021

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Prelude

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (arr. J. Holstein)
Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Holy God, as we come together in this house of prayer, we open ourselves to your spirit.
Who is our neighbor and who was this Samaritan called good?
Bring fresh understanding to why he alone drew near to danger,
unafraid, giving compassion, and bringing hope.
Guide us in being open to helping the stranger, the outcast, and the one without community. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise (UMH 103)

A Companion Litany to the United Methodist Social Creed

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
God deploras violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we. Amen

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis (A. Pote)
Laura Alexander, soloist

Children's Message

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

It Don't Mean a Thing

Closing Hymn

Open My Eyes that I May See (UMH 454)

Closing Prayer

Open our eyes that we might see what the Samaritan saw.

**Grant us the insight to see the need in others, the wisdom to know what to do,
and the will to do it. Amen.**

Postlude

Postlude on an Early American Tune (P.L. Harris)