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10:15 am Worship Service

August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Karen Gossard

PRELUDE

GREETING

*Please stand in body and in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With your blessing, we traveled to Back Bay Mission to serve and there, we saw Christ among the people.

*Mission Team: We return not the same, but changed by the hands we held, the stories we heard, and the work we shared.*

**All: Blessed are the poor in spirit.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

*Mission Team: We saw the face of Christ in the Back Bay Mission staff and the guests who used their services. We served beside them and we are called to carry forward their light.*

Pastor: Come, worship the God who meets us in mission, who transforms us through service, and who sends us into the world as salt and light.

**All: We come with open hearts to hear the good news.**

**We come ready to be the church on every street, in every place.**

Hymn #93

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Please be seated*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in mission, we see our limits. We see the deep wounds of poverty and injustice, and the ways we sometimes turn away.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God. When we have grown weary in doing good, when we've failed to listen, when we've judged instead of loved, restore us. Let the light of your love burn in us still. Let our compassion grow deeper, our service more faithful, our justice more bold. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. In the name of Christ you are forgiven. You are restored. You are called again to be salt and light.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ and inspire us to live the ways Jesus taught through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-16

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

REFLECTIONS FROM THE MISSION TRIP

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Hymn This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Please be seated*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)  
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession  
  
Lord’s Prayer  
**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
Through the stories of mission, we’ve seen that generosity changes lives, not only for those who receive, but for those who give. Let us offer our gifts as a continued act of compassion and justice, so that others may also taste God’s mercy and see God’s light.

OFFERTORY  
  
*Please stand in body or in spirit*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host.  
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**God of transformation, bless these gifts and the givers. May they be used to build up the church and our community. May they create hope and bring joy. And may our giving become an act of justice that brings your kingdom near. Amen.**

Hymn #581                      Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

BENEDICTION  
Go, as salt for the earth.  
Go, as light for the world.  
Go, with the peace of Christ and the power of God’s Spirit. Amen.

***Please be seated***  
  
Postlude  
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**Head Ushers for August are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger  
Ushers today are Jim & Amy Smith  
Altar Guild for the month of August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier**

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**Consistory 2025**  
Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Herb Volk (Vice President)  
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.

Praise the One who frees the pris-on-ers, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - ery dread dis-case,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
2 Christ's ex - am-ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
that sur-round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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