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10:15 am Worship Service

August 3, 2025

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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Ushers today are Jim & Amy Smith
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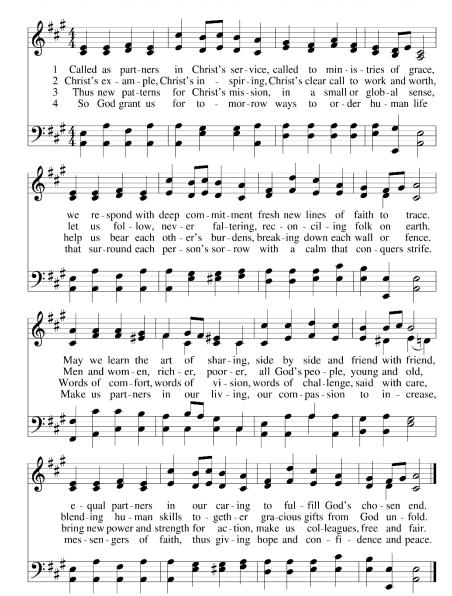


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