

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing:

Give light and people will find a way Give light, and people will find a way
Give light and people will find a way People will find a way, I do believe

Lector: O God, you are our Healer, let us claim that today!

Congregation: Let us claim healing for those who have no where to turn today, for those who are forgotten, for refugees and struggling families;

Lector: O God, you call us to be healers, in your name, let us claim that power today!

Congregation: Let us claim healing for racism, for systemic injustice, for abuse of power, for wars and famines and climate crises;

Lector: O God, it is not just individuals and systems that need healing, but attitudes and beliefs!

Congregation: Let us claim healing from apathy, indifference, from messages that say we are powerless to change the world.

ALL: As we worship today, inspire us to be your love and light in a world that continues to need healing and help! Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Opening Song

“God Is Here”

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 29-39

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Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

“Over My Head”

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Sermon

“Called to Heal”

Dr. April Glasco

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Our Hearts. Shine Through The Darkness.

Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Your Church Gathered Today.

Lord’s Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing when instructed:

For Ev’ryone Born, A Place At The Table,
For Ev’ryone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Ev’ryone Born, A Star Overhead.

And God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice And Joy,
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice,
Justice And Joy!

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so...This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

COMMUNION SONG

Join us in singing

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For Ev’ryone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Ev’ryone Born, A Star Overhead.

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Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice,
Justice And Joy!

Closing Song

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

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Benediction

Lyrics

“God Is Here”

CHORUS

There Is A Sweet Anointing In This Sanctuary;
There Is A Stillness In The Atmosphere.
Come And Lay Down The Burdens You Have Carried;
For In This Sanctuary God Is Here (**REPEAT CHORUS**)

BRIDGE

God Is Here, God Is Here;
To Break The Yoke And Lift The Heavy Burden. God Is Here, God Is Here;
To Heal The Hopeless Heart And Bless The Broken.
Come And Lay Down The Burdens You Have Carried;
For In This Sanctuary God Is Here (**REPEAT BRIDGE**)

“Over My Head”

Over My Head I Hear Music In The Air. Over My Head I Hear Music In The Air.
Over My Head I Hear Music In The Air. There Must Be A God Somewhere!

Over My Head I Hear Singing In The Air. Over My Head I Hear Singing In The Air.
Over My Head I Hear Singing In The Air. There Must Be A God Somewhere!

Over My Head I See Glory In The Air. Over My Head I See Glory In The Air.
Over My Head I See Glory In The Air. There Must Be A God Somewhere!

“Glory, Gloria Hallelujah”

Glory, Glory Hallelujah, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.
Glory, Glory Hallelujah, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.

I Feel Better, So Much Better, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.
I Feel Better, So Much Better, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.

Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I Laid My Burdens Down.
Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I Laid My Burdens Down.

I Am Dancing Miriam’s Dance Now, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.
I Am Dancing Miriam’s Dance Now, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.

I Am Climbing Jacob’s Ladder, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.
I Am Climbing Jacob’s Ladder, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.

Every Round Goes Higher And Higher, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.
Every Round Goes Higher And Higher, Since I Laid My Burdens Down.

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 27-31

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the ALMIGHTY, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The ALMIGHTY is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹The Almighty gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for our God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons