

# Order of Worship May 2, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Greeting**Lisa White

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

**Opening Hymn** 

You Are My All in All

W&S 3040

Opening Prayer Lisa White

O God, you are a God of Life to us.

You show yourself as our source of compassion

as we struggle for whole relationships in the home,

our communities, our nation, and our world.

We recognize your presence among us in our life and worship,

and ask your gentle Spirit to constantly open our hearts

to the ways of justice and peace.

We ask all of this in your Name,

because you alone are holy,

our true justice and peace. Amen.

Scripture Mark 7:24-30 Cheryl Scannell

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Sermon The Bible Tells Me So:

**Unmute Yourself** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Personal Reflection Sean Gilliam

# Sacrament of Baptism

John ("Jack") Alfred Allen

Madison Mary Allen

#### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

#### We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Jack and Madison now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Jack and Madison
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.

We will pray for then.

that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in profession the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

## **Baptism**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new siblings in Christ.

Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.

# **Baptismal Hymn**

# **God Claims You**

Jack and Madison, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We this day do all agree, children of God you'll always be.

Jack and Madison, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

#### **Commendation and Welcome**

Members of the household of God,
I commend Jack and Madison to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer Dakota Bannach

In the Scriptures, God commands us to be mindful of those who are poor and needy in our community, and to make provisions that tend to their needs and respect their dignity. When all are afforded the chance to live and work in justice, we find that we have not lost anything, but rather that we have gained more than we could have imagined. As we offer our gifts, we imitate God and God's generosity with us.

Generous God, in grace you freely give, and in love you joyfully command us to imitate you.

Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long and offer a faithful response to the loving care that you have first given us in your law, your prophets, and your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Anthem I Choose Love Miller

#### Youth JAM Combined Youth Choirs

# **Prayer** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

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.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever,

Amen.

## Hymn The Voice of God Is Calling UMH 436

**Benediction** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Postlude Trumpet Tune Frey

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# You Are My All In All

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan

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# The Voice of God Is Calling

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WORDS: John Haynes Holmes, 1913 (Is. 6:8) MUSIC: William Lloyd, 1840

# **Credits:**

Greeting: Sacraments and Seasons: Peacemaking Through Worship Opening prayer: 2012 National Peace With Justice Week resources

Offering prayer: adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

Intercessory prayer: Thom Shuman <a href="http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/">http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/</a>