

Worship Series: A Living Hope

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Welcome Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Let your name be praised in this congregation!

Leader: Gracious God,
When we remember the journey of our faith,
the story that we live with you and one another,
we recall all the ways we have missed the mark.
We have failed to live our Christian story well.
We have neglected to listen to and believe the stories of our neighbors.
We have ignored how we contribute to the hardships
that exist in our community.
We have turned away from the needs of the poor.
We have shied away from the suffering of our neighbors.
We have valued independence over interdependence and connection.
In so many ways, big and small,
our lives have not demonstrated our testimony of new life in Christ.

People: Forgive us, we pray, that we, your Easter people, may testify
the Good News with our voices and our lives. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Hear the good news: Out of God's great love for us,
we have been ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus.
Christ loosens the bonds of sin so that we may live our story
of exuberant praise for the living God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Carl Heywood

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Children's Message

Scripture

1 Peter 1:17-23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Loosening the Bonds

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Prayer of the People

Rev. Wines

Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."*

Hymn

God of Wonders

see songsheet

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: What are we saved for?

People: We are saved to remember all God has done for us.

Leader: What are we saved for?

People: We are saved to give praise to God who loves us and saves us.

Leader: What are we saved for?

People: We are saved to love one another deeply and authentically.

**All: May we leave this place ready to live our testimony of new life in Christ.
Amen.**

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