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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

*Prelude*

*Revelation Song & Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O my soul. Do not put your trust in mortals, in whom there is no help. Happy are those who put their trust in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

*\*Gathering Song*

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

*Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us*

*You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way  
From the Earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high*

\*Call to Confession

Elenita Musgrove, Lay Reader

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we honor you with our words and worship yet our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge and exclude, quick to put others down rather than build them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us to embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

**\*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Scripture

James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

*Special Music*

*The Swan*

*Saint Saens*

Scripture

Mark 7: 24-37

From there he 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, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Sir,<sup>u</sup> even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the

more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Message      Open minds, open ears, open heart.

Rev. Edward Dunn

*\*Responding Song*

*Change My Heart, O God*

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*Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true*

*Change my heart oh God, May I be like You*

*You are the Potter, I am the clay*

*Mold me and make me; this is what I pray*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer    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 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.

Receiving our Offering

\*Doxology    Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

*\*Sending Song*

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name,

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Refrain)

\*Blessing

*Postlude*

*Amazing Grace "My chains are gone"  
& Amazing Grace ! How sweet the sound*