Gathering

PRELUDE  “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  G.F. Handel (1685–1759)
Linda Dover, organ  trad. Irish hymn melody

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT  “O Come, Let Us Sing”  Music by Cindy Berry
based on Psalm 95:1–2
Liz Chandler, Karen Kesler, Sue Trigger, Connie Richards,
Charlie Trigger, Gene Wilson, Mitch Trigger, & Joe Hoffman

O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, O come, O come.
Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him and praise him with music and song.
For he is holy, shepherd, creator and King. For he is worthy. Forever his praises I’ll sing.
Sing unto God the creator, he made the sea and the land.
Sing unto God the Almighty, we are the works of his hands.
O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, O come, O come.
Come bow down before him, kneel and adore him and praise him with music and song.

CALL TO WORSHIP  (spoken together)
Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.
This is a time for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.
Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
This is a time for those who ache and yearn for something more.
So let us open our hearts with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.
1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. Fast ing, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

2 Alone and fast ing Moses saw the friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name. With your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, decreed, liv ered from the lions’ might; and John, the Bride-groom’s sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spirits strengthen.

4 Then grant that we like them be true, con - cerning God who gave the law; and to Elijah, liv ered from the lions’ might; and John, the Bride-groom’s sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spirits strengthen.
A TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION (*video*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One:  May the peace of Christ be with you.

All:  And also with you and all others!

HYMN 775  “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”  WALK WITH ME
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
   In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
   When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
   I want Jesus to walk with me;
   In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
   When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

   All along my pilgrim journey,
   When my heart is almost breaking,
   When my head is bowed in sorrow,

   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

TEXT: African American spiritual
About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.” At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

“Even Here”

Music by Mark A. Miller

Chancel Singers II

Barbara Douglas-soloist, Kathy Williams, Pam Kelly,
Susan Hayden, Jim Kelly, Ellin Schoenfeld, Paul Bruns, & Joe Hoffman

At the land’s dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims,
where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?
I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late,
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?
O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?
Will the hand of God, will the voice of love, find me even here?
O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise,
may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

“40”

“What If God Was One of Us?”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
HYMN 795

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Linda Dover, organ

arr. Paul Manz

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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