



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024

Preparing for Worship: Scriptures are overflowing with “call” stories, and they’re all a bit different, reflecting human uniqueness, and different circumstances. The thing that unites all these stories, and our own, is that we’re all invited by God to impact the world for good. Today’s episode in Luke’s Acts of the Apostles guides our reflection on how each of us is called.

We Approach God

Music for Gathering Nocturne No. 20 in c-sharp minor F. Chopin

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

In these times of creation’s Spring, nature’s beauty,
it’s time for us to gather as God’s People to worship our Creator.
In these times of birth, and life, and aging, and dying,
it’s time for us to gather as God’s People to share wisdom and comfort.
In these times of war and peace, of uncertainty and change,
it’s time for us to gather as God’s people to remember the faithfulness of God.
In these times, in all times, and places,
we choose to gather, as God’s People, to offer praise, thanksgiving, prayer and love.
Let us, then, do so!

Opening Hymn We Praise You, O God VU 218

Children’s Moment Tag, You’re It!

Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

We Listen for God’s Word

Anthem God So Loved the World John Stainer

Sharing the Scriptures Acts 1:12-16, 21-26
This is the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on the Text Who is Matthias? (And why does it matter?) Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones

We Respond to God

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Song of Dedication Put Peace into Each Other's Hands MV 173

Prayers of the Community

(Sharing more prayers from the Lenten prayer wall, prayer tree and global cluster)

The Lord's Prayer *Sequential bilingual*

We Serve God in the World

Life and work of the faith Community

Closing Song We Have This Ministry VU 510

Sending Out with Blessing *Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila (16th C)*

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.

**Christ has no body now but ours,
No hands, no feet on earth but ours,
Let us then live the Gospel Way,
for love of God, and God's Dream for the world. Amen**

Postlude Beneath the Cross of Jesus (piano) *Frederick Maker, arr. Mark Hayes*

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Onsite worshippers are invited to stay for conversation over (Fair Trade) Coffee.



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