

Found by Grace, Freed for Gratitude The Power of Community, Connection & Caring

MEDITATION

*"I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness
the astonishing light of your own being." –Hafiz*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **P: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"The Mercy Tree" Music: Krissy Nordhoff and Michael Neale
Arranged: Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: Come, beloved of God—whether wandering or at home.

All: We come, for the Shepherd calls our names.

L: Rejoice, for God has found us when we were lost!

All: With joy, we return to the One who never let us go.

L: Come, forgiven of God—whether broken or whole.

All: With gratitude, we gather, for mercy makes us new.

L: Rejoice, for heaven celebrates each child of grace!

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the God who saves.

*SONG OF REJOICING

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" 2x

In Pew

OPENING PRAYER

Linda Thomas, Deacon

Loving God, we come into your presence with hearts open wide. When we were lost, you sought us out. When we were broken, you lifted us up.

All: You rejoice over us with singing, and all of heaven celebrates your mercy. So we come with joy, grateful for your grace that never lets us go.

L: Open our eyes to see your wonders, open our ears to hear your Word, and open our hearts to be changed by your Spirit.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, the One who finds and saves us, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” *Black 459*

WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN *Lisa Allen, Church-Life Coordinator*

ANTHEM “I Will Come to You, You are Mine” *Choir*
David Haas

FIRST READING | Luke 15:1-10, p. 95 *Linda Thomas, Deacon*
SECOND READING | 1 Timothy 1:12-17, p. 253 *Scott Burk*

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION “Found by Grace, Freed for Gratitude” *Rev. Christina Williams*

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Black 23*

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers of the people, you are invited to voice your joys and concerns out loud. When names are spoken, all invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(All are invited to sing.)* *In Pew*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Create In Me A Clean Heart” *Choir*
Words: Psalm 51:10-12, Music: Arnold Sherman

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, you rejoice when the lost are found and when broken hearts are made whole. You pour out grace until our lives overflow with joy. In gratitude, we return these gifts to you. Bless them and bless us so that others may know your mercy, and all creation may join the song of rejoicing. Through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Black 55

***BENEDICTION**

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“Lead Me, Lord”

Choir

Words: Matthew 5:3-12, Music: John D. Becker

POSTLUDE

“Heart of God”

Music: Aodhan King and Jonas Myrin

Arranged: Matt Schinske

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Choir, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas, Joyce Kenneally, Meg Tivey, Alan King and Chris Polloni; Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Reader, Scott Burk; Hospitality, Donna Cooper; Food donation, Betsy Woodley

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Pastor, Stephanie Miles, Music director, Lisa Allen, Church-life co-director, Linda Thomas, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!

To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for a time learning and fun with Bible stories, crafts, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **TAKE TWO** *is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship with Lisa Allen. Join us for a discussion this Sunday.*
4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*

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