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OCTOBER 10, 2021 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"Jesus' ministry was about healing not just cure... With each touch (the leper, the woman with the hemorrhage, the Samaritan demoniac) Jesus would have been considered unclean... Jesus broke rules in order to bring people back to health and into relationship with others, into community." ~ Rev. Dr. Kathy Black

PRELUDE

"Melodia," Op. 50, No. 11

Max Reger (1873 – 1916)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

With those who find it easy to follow, with those who stumble along the Way: we rejoice in Jesus, who makes us whole, and calls us sisters and brothers. With all who are heirs to the promises of grace, with all who share hope with others: we give thanks to the Spirit of peace, who cradles us in the arms of hope.

**HYMN NO. 319

"Shout to the North"

SMITH

Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak;
In your brokenness, complete.
Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth.

Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love.
Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire; we've been through rain; We've been refined by the power of your name.

We've fallen deeper in love with you.

You've burned this truth on our lips.

Rise up, church, with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high;
By God's grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

We do not call them demons anymore, God who listens to us, but there are those words which chain our hearts to them - words which shame others, There are those actions which bind our lives to them - those fears which grab our hands, that anger which pushes away those around us. There are those thoughts which draw us into the shadows, where we seek to hide from you, hoping you do not see the lives we lead.

Yet, you refuse to stay away but come to closer to us in every moment, God who makes us whole. You would clothe us with grace, so we might be your people in this world. You would tear down all that separates us from others, so we might be one. You would make us heirs to the promise of life and hope with our Brother, Jesus the Christ, who comes to heal us and make us your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news, dear friends. Our Lord comes, not to torment us, but to release us from all that keeps us from being God's beloved children. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus, those who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.

Thanks be to God, who reaches out to us and shows us the way of the shadows, pointing to the path of mercy and hope. We are forgiven! Amen.

**HYMN No. 582

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen World without end, without end. Amen World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON *1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 20-26*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Love" Joni Mitchell

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 5:1-20

SERMON "Not Out But In" Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC "Canon" Johann Pachelbel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE 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.

**HYMN NO. 771

"What Is the World Like"

NEW WORLD

GLORY TO GOD

What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive: Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe. What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night, Tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

**BENEDICTION

**Those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Susan Jones, Noel Piercy
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor & Soloist
First Church Ringers
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers