

Greeting

Pat Cunningham

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "Fantasy on Simple Gifts"

Jim Yancey

*19<sup>th</sup> Century Shaker Tune, adapt. by Jim Yancy ~ Used with Permission*

\*Call to Worship

L: Come into God's presence.

**P: All are welcome here.**

L: Come, saints and sinners alike.

**P: We are all God's children.**

L: Faith has brought us here.

**P: Grace will make us whole.**

L: Come! Let us worship.

\*Hymn of Praise

"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah"

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**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

\*Sharing the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!**

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”

Jim Yancey

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Song of Preparation

“Lead Me, Lord”

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*Psalm 5:8, 4:8 ~ Public Domain*

**Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness**

**Make thy way plain before my face.**

**For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only**

**That makest me dwell in safety.**

Message

“In to the Unknown”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Surely the Presence”

Jim Yancey

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**\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

**“Jesus Calls Us”**

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**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

**\*Sending Forth with Blessing**

**L: Go in peace!**

**P: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world to be the people of God, the body of Christ!**

**\*Music for Going Forth**

**“Variations on Ode to Joy”**

**Jim Yancey**

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