

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for the Lord's Day

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist, Kathy Porter

Come and see the grace of God,
Christ our teacher and our friend.
Come and see the son of God,
Christ our healer and salvation.
God is moving in this place.
Come and see! Come and see.

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of abundant mercy, you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ. You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts. You loved with boldness and healed with grace. Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love: when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care. Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love: when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions. Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love, when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Porter

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our first reading is from the first book of the prophet Samuel, chapter 3 verses 1 through 20. Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to John chapter 1, verses 43 through 51. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

"Transforming Sight"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord who speaks to us, and strengthens us, and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. ***Amen.***

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kathy Porter

Mindful of the many needs around us, we turn to God for help and healing, saying:

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church . . .

Make us a temple of your Holy Spirit,

united in the body of Christ and dedicated to your mission in the world.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the world . . .

Speak truth to those who are in power

so that leaders will abandon corrupt ways and seek the welfare of all.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for this community . . .

Help us to follow you faithfully even in the streets of this place.

Use us to do good things for our neighbors.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for loved ones . . .

Surround all those who suffer with your loving, healing presence.

Let them know you are with them always.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Gracious God, turn our mourning into dancing and change our sorrow into joy, so that we may give you thanks and praise forever; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. ***Amen.***