

**CELEBRATION OF THE GIFTS OF WOMEN
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)

Welcome

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Opening Prayer

One: My heart exults in God; my strength is exalted in my God.

All: There is no one holier than you. There is no Rock like our God.

One: God makes poor and makes rich. It is God who both humbles and exalts.

All: God raises up the poor from the dust; God lifts the needy from the ash heap, to place them among the mighty and promotes them to seats of honor.

One: God judges the ends of the earth.

All: God will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one.

Opening Hymn

“Here We Are”

Call to Confession

God offers us the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to let go of our wounds. In faithful witness to God’s grace and love, we confess our sins before God and each other.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment on others. We have sought to control the way they live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our short- sightedness and sin. Help us to understand, appreciate and love our siblings in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges. Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our faithfulness and love to you.

Silent Confession

Assurance Pardon

One: God sent forth the Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

All: And because you are children, God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of God’s child, who calls out, “Abba!”

One: So you are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

“We Sing of Your Glory”

We sing of your glory, we praise you again,
for you are eternal. Amen. Amen

We sing of your power and honor again,
for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than the hamster wheel life of to-do lists and errands, meal prep and alarm clocks. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. We want a life bursting with laughter. We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away. So today we pray— break the dam. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. It’s what we long for. We long for you. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53: 6

Who can believe what we have heard, and for whose sake has the Lord’s arm been revealed? He grew up like a young plant before us, like a root from dry ground. He possessed no splendid form for us to see, no desirable appearance. He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well. Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we didn’t think about him. It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed. Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

"Unity"

Scripture Reading:

Acts 16: 25-31

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison’s foundations. The doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose. When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted loudly, “Don’t harm yourself! We’re all here!” The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He led them outside and asked, “Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household.”

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

Sermon

“We Are All Here”

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Hymn (See insert)

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Litany of Celebration of Women

One: God of Grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

All: For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

One: God of Reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling, to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

All: For women who have survived challenging circumstances, for the faith and witness they have shared with us, we give you thanks and praise.

One: God of Love, we offer our gratitude to you for siblings in Christ who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer.

All: For those of all genders, ages and cultures, for our adoption as children of God and heirs to your promise, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

One: God of Creation, be present among us as we witness and serve, remember and reflect, sing and celebrate those, who with your help, guide the way for lives filled with gratitude. Amen.

Special Music Honoring our Women

Words of Gratitude

As Christ’s disciples, let us offer our gifts to his ministry.

Offertory

RESPOND IN GRACE

Instrumental

*** Doxology**

“Thank you, Jesus”

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty, and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See insert)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn (See insert)

“Blessed be the Tie that Binds”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Live into the hope of Christ’s resurrection! Honor the God who calls you to new life! May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

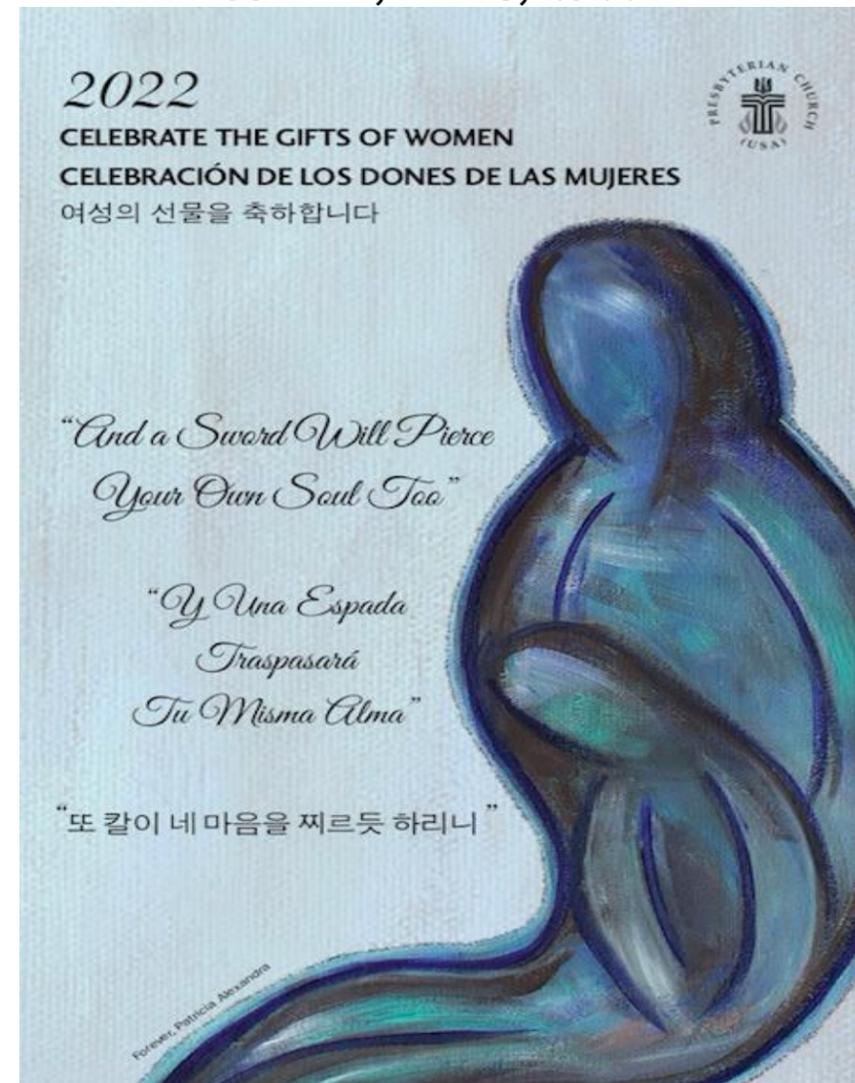
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

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***“A multicultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community.”***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM via Zoom.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 1:00PM via zoom.
- Please submit your picture for the Church directory. If you need more information contact Pastor Jeniffer or Lindsay Wilkens.

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

PRAISE SONGS AND HYMNS

“Here We Are”

*Chorus: Here we are, altogether as we sing our song joyfully.
Here we are, altogether as we pray we always be.*

Join we now as friends, and celebrate the
Brotherhood we share, all as one.
Keep the fire burning, kindle it with care,
And we'll all join in and sing. (*Chorus*)

Freedom do we shout, for everybody,
And unless there is, we should pray,
That soon there will be one true brotherhood.
Let us all join in and sing. (*Chorus*)

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

“Mothering God”

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

“Blessed be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Prayers of the People

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, as the scent of lilies linger and the flowering cross not yet a distant memory, hold your resurrection glory before us as our guide and our hope, O God. May this season plant seeds of new life and yield growth and maturity in Christ. May the presence of your Spirit be our steady hope and faithful friend.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

For mothers around the world today, we give you thanks, O God. We give thanks for the countless ways mothers and mother-figures nurture, educate and inspire. Bless the women who hold and heal, who shelter and protect, who liberate themselves and others from that which discourages and curbs feminine potential. Within our varied roles and with our differing gifts, let us find the fulfillment of our humanity.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Righteous God, in a world torn by war, keep us from hate that hardens and scorekeeping with human lives. When our world is troubled and violence the chosen path, be near to judge and save. May our leaders be led by your wisdom. May humility be our companion and friend. May our hearts be moved by just love and loving justice.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us,
“Our Father ...”