

WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 22, 2021

Worship Leaders: Associate Minister Sandy Knapp & Donna Faria

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE “O Perfect Love”

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Living God, you are... the tie that binds! We give you thanks that you have brought us together in order to create...the tie that binds! Be with us in our learning, our worshiping, our fellowshiping that leads to... the tie that binds! We are yours, walking in the way of Jesus, living in the Spirit so that we might be for the world... the tie that binds! Let all God's people say, Alleluia!

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MUSIC “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Great Spirit, give us hearts to understand; Never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; Never to destroy want only for the furtherance of greed; Never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; Never to take from her what we cannot use. Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, help us to find the way to refresh your lands. Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters, Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find a way to replenish them. Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

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SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18: 1- 11

God told Jeremiah, “Up on your feet! Go to the potter’s house. When you get there, I’ll tell you what I have to say.” So I went to the potter’s house, and sure enough, the potter was there, working away at his wheel. Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, as sometimes happens when you are working with clay, the potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot. Then God’s Message came to me: “Can’t I do just as this potter does, people of Israel?” God’s Decree! “Watch this potter. In the same way that this potter works his clay, I work on you, people of Israel. At any moment I may decide to pull up a people or a country by the roots and get rid of them. But if they repent of their wicked lives, I will think twice and start over with them. At another time I might decide to plant a people or country, but if they don’t cooperate and won’t listen to me, I will think again and give up on the plans I had for them. “So, tell the people of Judah and citizens of Jerusalem my Message: ‘Danger! I’m shaping doom against you, laying plans against you. Turn back from your doomed way of life. Straighten out your lives.’”

SERMON

“Are You Fired”

Associate Minister Sandy Knapp

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MUSIC “Water, River, Spirit, Grace” FWS 2253

CLOSING PRAYER