



“Spiritual Dropsy”
Order of Worship
August 28, 2022
10:00 AM
Online Worship
YouTube Channel “Harmony UMCVA”

Welcome

Prelude

God’s Glory All Around

Sheppard

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Patti Barnes

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

We gather as one Body,

to worship the one who is Love.

Opening Prayer

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee

UMH 263

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Verses 1, 5, and 7

**Merciful God,
Your patience is more than we deserve,
for our priorities are so often confused.
You invite us into your life and love,
and rather than running full tilt, we hesitate.
We consult our calendars and weigh our options.
We consider who else might be in attendance,
or we question whether we really belong.**

**Forgive us, God,
for not always knowing what is best for us,
and forgive us when we know, but still choose otherwise.
Show us once again what faithfulness looks like.**

Friends, hear the Good News:
the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, amen.

**As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer Christ's peace to one another.**

The Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!
And also with you!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Arbor Marilayne Stryker, the daughter of Jonathan and Shannon Graham Stryker

Hymn

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God Claims You

Verses 1-3

FWS 2249

Ministry of Music

How Great Thou Art

Greg Wilmoth

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Patti Barnes

Almighty God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1

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Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1-14 (NIV)

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Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

14 One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely. **2** There was a man there whose arms and legs were swollen. **3** Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, “Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?” **4** When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away. **5** Then he turned to them and said, “Which of you doesn’t work on the Sabbath? If your son or your cow falls into a pit, don’t you rush to get him out?” **6** Again they could not answer.

Jesus Teaches about Humility

7 When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: **8** “When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? **9** The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

10 “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. **11** For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. **13** Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. **14** Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

Sermon

“Spiritual Dropsy”

Pastor Debra

Preparation for Prayer

*Come and Fill Our Hearts
Sung Two Times*

FWS 2157

Prayer of the People

Pastor Maggie

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 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.

Offertory and Doxology

Offertory Music

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

Patti Barnes

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Wells

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 Dedication for the Offering

Pastor Maggie

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn

We Are Called

FWS 2172

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Benediction

Pastor Debra

Go out into the world in peace, and in Christ's name be –

the humble who make others proud

the poor who have riches to share

the weak who help others be strong

the empty who overflow with loving kindness.

And the bounty of the love of God,

and the treasure of the grace of Christ Jesus,

and the joy of the Holy Spirit

will be with you now and forever. Amen.

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.**

Postlude

Sabbath Marche

Grieg

WHEN JESUS THE HEALER PASSED THROUGH GALILEE

*When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!
the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!*

*The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.
Heal us, heal us today!
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!*

*There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!
We gather together for healing and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!*

GOD CLAIMS YOU

Refrain:

***Arbor, Arbor God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.***

*We this day do all agree
A child of God you'll always be. **Refrain***

*We your family love you so,
We vow to help your faith to grow. **Refrain***

*We are here to say this day
That we will help you on your way. **Refrain***

COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!*

Repeat once

WE ARE CALLED

Refrain:

***We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!***

*Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God! **Refrain***

*Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Refrain***

*Sing! Live in the light!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain***