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Prelude "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" J. Bert Carlson
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Welcome

Opening Words adapted: Sacraments and Seasons: Peacemaking Through Worship from Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

Many: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

Many: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .

Many: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Many: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: Let us worship a God who feeds the hungry, desires nothing less than peace for the world, whose grace and love know no end.

Many: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice. Amen

Opening Hymn Binder #53 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Prayer of Invocation Paul B. Robinson

We pray that you, O God, will bring into our hearts and minds, our plans and actions, our hopes and prayers, a greater love for all people. Break the silence of prejudice, the isolation of ignorance, the false sense of security in earthly fortresses, and erase the fear that prevents communication. Help us to come home to your love, by becoming one family on this planet we all call home. Amen.

Opening Response Binder #15 "Step by Step" David Strasser

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
"Healing at the Fountain" Fanny J. Crosby/Penny Rodriguez
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Readings:

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You make me lie down in green pastures;
you lead me beside still waters;
you restore my soul.

You lead me in right paths
for the sake of your Name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn NCH #247 "My Shepherd Is the Living God"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we
bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #54 & 55 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Benediction

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" Gordon Young
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