

loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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Responding in Faith
Affirmation of Faith Col. 1:15– 20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Notes

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Song *Glory Be to the Father*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Let us pray: (prayers are given; silence is kept.)

God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ, the great physician, who made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore us to wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going into the World

+Hymn *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*
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+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude

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+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

L: When we sense the Lord is near we feel God's goodness

P: The goodness of God brings joy to our hearts.

L: Let us praise the Lord at all times

P: Let us lift up God's name always.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray in this way: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory***

are yours now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* #476

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the**

The faithful remnant returned to a land that was much changed from when they left. How has our religious landscape changed and how do we stay faithful to our traditions while being open to the new?

What are we blind to in our church? In our community? How can following Jesus help to heal our blindness?

values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. **We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (moment of silence.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new one has begun. Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *Spirit of the Living God* #322

The Peace

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be

fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-9 For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations^a I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn

Hymn *Amazing Grace* #280

Mark 10:46-52 They came to Jericho.

As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more