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Continuing God's Story Together

"Let this little message be but a reminder,
and I will continue with the story."

2 Maccabees 6:17

Worship Participants

Deacon: Michelle Reynolds

Welcomers: Rebecca Rosensweig

Reader:

Announcer: Chelsey Helmke

Prelude

Welcome

Song

I Speak Jesus

*I just want to speak
the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind*

*'Cause I know there is peace
within your presence
I speak Jesus*

*I just want to speak
the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction
starts to break*

*Declaring there is hope
and there is freedom
I speak Jesus*

*('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life*

*Break ev'ry stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire*

*I just want to speak
the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety*

*To ev'ry soul
held captive by depression
I speak Jesus*

Shout Jesus from the mountains

Jesus in the streets

*Jesus in the darkness
over ev'ry enemy*

*Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy name
Jesus*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Deacon

**Holy God,
in the coming together, may your collective Spirit be felt;
in the singing of songs, may your vibrations move us;
in the reading of scripture, may your word be heard;
and in the faithfulness of our lives; may your story be shown.
Amen**

Song

*A House Made for Wanderers
My broken fits here
Beautiful one
A beautiful mess
And my walls undone*

*I worship You here
Beautiful one
In a house built for wanderers
In a house built for wanderers*

*This house
It has many rooms
Rooms that God prepared for you*

*This house
Was built for wanderers*

Scripture:

Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSVUE)

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 22:

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to

the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

May God bless this reading and our understanding. Amen

God’s Stories

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Message for All Ages

Rev. Jennie Valentine

Sermon

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Song

Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone

*Amazing grace
how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me*

*I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved*

*How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

*Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy 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 thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen**

Offering

Invitation

Song

*The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate
The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love*

*And the Lord is good to all
And He has compassion
On all that He has made*

*As far as the east is from the west
That's how far He has removed
Our transgressions from us*

*As far as the east is from the west
That's how far he has removed
Our transgressions from us*

*Praise the Lord
Oh my soul praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Oh my soul praise the Lord*

Dedication

Send Forth Song

*Bigger Table
Come gather 'round the mystery
Of love in our broken history*

*Where grace heals
the fault lines in me
Time and time again
It welcomes me in to a*

*A house for the hungry
A well for the thirsty
Where all saints come together
Shoulder to shoulder*

*A welcome for the traveler
New wine for the vineyard
In all things God is able
Love has a bigger table*

Love has a bigger table

*Show me who is my neighbor
The Christ hidden in the beggar*

*'Cause love doesn't
meet a stranger
Love calls them friend
And welcomes them in to a*

*There's an empty seat
waiting next to me
We gotta make some room
for each other*

*Let my enemy be my family
Fill my cup 'til it's running over*

Benediction

Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Announcements

Postlude