



## 888<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore September 10, 2020

### **WORSHIP, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Worshippers are reminded that we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and are invited to prepare a portion of bread and some wine or grape juice ahead of time, so that all may partake together. All are invited to come to the Table.**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP – Fern Cloud**

We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.

We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom, and peace.

#### **OPENING HYMN - "Many and Great" - Chrystie Adams**

#### **INVOCATION – Yvette McEachern**

Dear God, Your Word reveals to us that in Your kingdom there is an immeasurable amount of people from every nation, from all tribes and people, and from all languages. This diverse multitude are all worshipers of You who stand before the throne and before the lamb clothed in white robes crying out that salvation belongs to You. In heaven, there is diversity and inclusion, so let this be our mind-set here on earth too, Amen.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON – Lisa Beacham**

While we give thanks for the diversity of people—of cultures and ethnicities, of histories and life stories, of skin color and language and hearts that love the world, we recognize that the best way to give thanks is to disassemble the systems, the stories and the myths that privilege one color over another. To truly give thanks is to root out (and un-root) the insidious beliefs of those of us with privilege that “me and mine” are better than “you and yours.” We confess the need to root out racism in all its forms so that it withers and dies. When it shows up as White Supremacy, or the defense of unjust laws and institutions. Or a quieter racism, sometimes in the form of White Privilege, sometime disguised, sometimes hidden within. It is time. It is well past time to End Racial Discrimination.

### **PARDON**

God of all creation, bless us all with what we need, to take on this work, and live it. Today. Every day. Always.

## **SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 9:16-17**

## **INTRODUCTION OF REV. ARNOLDO AGUILAR – Rev. Andy Gathman**

### **SERMON - Rev. Arnoldo Aguilar**

## **THE FOUR OFFERINGS OF JUSTICE**

**Recognition – Bob Stepling, Dakota Partnership**

**Repentance – Alice Haskins, Cuba Partnership**

**Resistance – Katie Kavalsky, Guatemala Partnership**

**Resilience – Carol Eshelman, Cuba Partnership**

## **COMMUNITY RESPONSE:**

**We cannot put new ideas into old mindsets.**

**We cannot get new results with old behaviors.**

**When our eyes and hearts are opened, then we can sew a quilt of new patterns.**

**We can use the new threads offered as gifts by our partners we can weave a new cloth.**

**With God and through the power of Holy Spirit, we can pick up the shards of our broken past and build a new mosaic that is the Church of Jesus Christ.**

**OFFERTORY – Deborah Baer**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER – Deborah Baer**

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war as well as those who continue to live in far away places. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; To give witness to your love for all people. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

**INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR**

**Retiring Moderator, Guy Moody**

**Moderator Audrey Trapp**

**Vice Moderator Sue Lowcock Harris**

**SONG OF PREPARATION – Rev. Andy Gathman**

***All Things New***

Come broken and weary  
Come battered and bruised  
My Jesus makes all things new  
All things new.

Come lost and abandoned  
Come blown by the wind  
He'll bring you back home again  
Home again

**(Chorus)**

**Rise up, O you sleeper, awake  
The light of the dawn is upon you**

**Rise up, O you sleeper, awake  
He makes all things new  
All things new**

Come frozen with shame  
Come burning with guilt  
My Jesus, he loves you still  
Loves you still

**(Chorus)**

The world was good, the world is fallen  
The world will be redeemed  
The world was good, the world is fallen  
The world will be redeemed

So hold on to the promise  
The stories are true  
Jesus makes all things new:  
The dawn is upon you

**(Chorus)**

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**COMMUNION - Revs. Melissa and Jose Lopez**

**CLOSING HYMN – # 853 “We Are Marching”**  
**- Led by the Children of Cabaiguan Presbyterian Church (Cuba)**

**BENEDICTION – Revs. Melissa and Jose Lopez**