

Offertory *The Edge of the World* *Bobbi Jo Valentine*
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Mark 6: 34-37 (NRSV)

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Postlude	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Beethoven
		Arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

October 8 **Deacons** meeting at 5 p.m.
Handbells resume rehearsals at 6 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.



Living God's Heart, Hands, & Voice
October 5, 2025

A Service of Worship

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* Please stand, if it is comfortable for you

Chiming of the Hour and Welcome

Prelude *In Remembrance of Me* *Handbells*

Community Life

Over the next four weeks, we will be exploring Jesus' identity, and our own, as "changemakers." We are inspired by The Changemaker Initiative, whose work is helping churches see that the work God is about these days is less about perfecting the church and more about changing the communities we live in. The problems in the world can be so overwhelming that we stop believing we can make a difference. But we can, if we change our own perception of what that looks like. We will discover that each one of us is called and equipped to make change. And this, my friends, is our true asset in the world. We, the people of the Body of Christ, have so much to give.

***Call to Worship** Liturgist

The world is changing. We see it everywhere. We feel it in our bones. It seems to happen so much faster now than it used to.

The world is changing.

Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid. There are people on the streets who won't make it a day longer.

The world needs to change.

It is God's desire that the world would change and become more like a holy commonwealth of just peace in which all have what they need.

And we are the changemakers.

We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit. We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

May we be changed by this time of worship!

*Invocation

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Confession: We are called and equipped with everything to make change in this world, but sometimes we cannot get out of our way. Let us confess these shortcomings to one another, that we might be made new in a spirit of grace and forgiveness.

Holy One, you are the beginning of all things. You are older than time itself. But we are the ones who have a problem with change. We like things to stay the way they are. Or even better, we'd like things to go back to the way they were before. And so we get in the way when you are trying to do a new thing. We find change to be scary, and so when things need to change, we often don't show up.

Forgive us for when we ignored the people who need change the most. Forgive us for when we resist your holy transformation. Forgive us for when we, ourselves, refuse to change. Change us again. Remake us now to be more like your son Jesus. Open our hearts to all that you would have us change in this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this assurance of Good News: the scriptures use this phrase many times: "And Jesus had compassion on them..." This is not just a story from long ago. It is true today. Jesus has compassion for us, for all that holds us back, for all that frightens us, for all that we have failed to do. This is the beginning of being a Changemaker—to know and believe in the compassion of Jesus, to accept this forgiveness, and to move toward greater compassion and forgiveness of others in our own lives. We have everything we need.

*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace (liturgist)

The Peace of Christ be with You!

And also with you!

Let us greet each other and share that peace!

Children grades K to Grade 5 are dismissed to Children's Chapel. Please meet your teacher at the door to the commons area.

Hymn #363

Rejoice the Lord is King