



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in your homes) Ledra Brady

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence, not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all who need rest.

Come to this place of refuge.

Come all who need healing.

Come to this place of wholeness.

Come all who need challenge.

Come to this place of encouragement.

Come all called to be friends of God.

Come to this place of worship.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Lord, give us the eyes to see others as you see them, not in their limitations, sins, and shortcomings, but as cherished, blessed, beloved children of God. Lord, give us the eyes to see ourselves as you see us, not in our weakness, infirmity, and self-doubt, but as chosen, gifted, responsible disciples. Lord, make us part of your plan for the world. Use us to bring your healing touch to those in need. Bless us with your presence. In this time of silence, open our eyes and prepare our hearts for worship.

SONG *Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought in oh His love for me
Oh his love for me

*Who the Son sets free oh is free is indeed
I'm a child of God – yes I am*

Free at last he has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes he died for me. (*chorus*)

*Who the Son sets free oh is free is indeed
I'm a child of God – yes I am
In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God - yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me, I am who you say I am

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am. (*chorus*)

In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am. (*repeat*)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ledra Brady

The Lord is not mean-spirited or vengeful. God is gracious and merciful, always willing to listen to our prayers, and to hear our hearts. Let us join in the prayer for forgiveness, saying,

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

DISCOVERY TIME

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Ledra Brady

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

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