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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

Today's Sanctuary Flowers celebrate the 51st anniversary of John & Colleen Swanson and in celebration of Jim McDonald's 90th birthday
Prelude BWV 866—J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Liturgist: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Liturgist: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
 he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant;
 their faces are never covered with shame.

The poor called, and the Lord heard;
 the Lord saved them out of all their troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
 and the Lord delivers them.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

***Hymn of Praise:** *God of Compassion* #261



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments—T. Tallis The UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist Vera Heitink)

We all have our blind spots--habits, patterns, ways of thinking, speaking and acting which can be hurtful, chaotic and lead to the de-creation of God's goodness.

Let us call upon the Great Healer who sees clearly and can open not only our eyes but our souls to new transformative sight.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist Vera Heitink)

O Lord, you know me, when I lie down and when I rise

From far away you understand and my path you scrutinize
 You see so completely what's before and what's behind
 But I can't understand this, it's too high for my mind
 Search me and know
 Try me and show
 Lead me each day in the everlasting way.
 Lord, have mercy upon me.
 (silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Our Lord sees the darkness and it is the same as the light to Him
 God knows our deepest secrets and our souls' faint fragile tune
 Yet the greatest mystery is this:
 That while we were yet sinners
 Christ came for us
 Christ died for us
 Christ rose for us
 Christ lives and intercedes for us
 Christ has forgiven **us**
 Embrace the good news

People: **In Jesus Christ, the repentant are forgiven**
The blind are given new sight
My soul magnifies the Lord
For He has done great things for me!



Scripture Readings

Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible p.774; large print p.1560) – Liturgist Heitink
 Liturgist – The word of the Lord **People – Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Lord, have mercy on Me!* The Reverend Martha FrizLanger

***Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #298

Statement of Faith from *The Confession of 1967* (led by Rev. FrizLanger)

Rev. FrizLanger: (9.08) In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

People: (9.09) God 's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd 's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind.

They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

**Gloria Patri.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Liturgist Alejandra Haddad)

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.

CALL TO OFFERING (Liturgist Alejandra Haddad)

Offertory Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Elder Alejandra Haddad

***Closing Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* #260

CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Martha FrizLanger

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Student's returning to elementary, middle and high school, university and grad school

Our military men and women around the world

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, the Middle East and Ukraine