

# Compassion



October 5, 2025  
17th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is  
available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cellphone at this time*

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*Welcome to Worship*

## *Call to Worship*

**P** 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.

**All** The world is changing.

**P** And also, the world needs to change.  
Children are hungry.  
Systems are unjust.  
People are afraid.  
There are people on the streets who won't make it a day longer.

**All** The world needs to change.

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

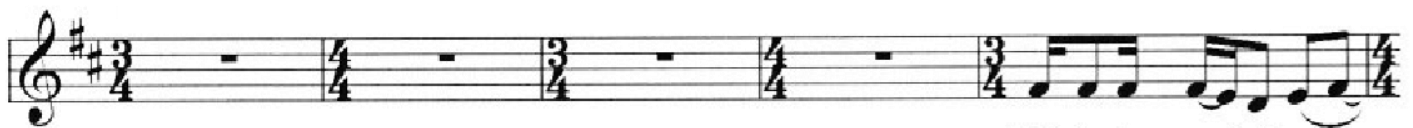
**All** And we are the changemakers.

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

**All** May we be changed by this time of worship!

### ONE VOICE

Ruth Moody  
arr. Marcelline Moody



This is the sound of one\_\_



\_\_voice, One spi-rit, one\_\_voice, The sound of one who makes a\_\_



\_\_choice\_\_ This is the sound of one\_\_voice\_\_ This is the sound of one\_\_



\_\_voice.

*P* Faithful, God you have called and equipped us with everything to make change in this world, but sometimes we cannot get out of our own way. Let us confess these shortcomings to you and 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.

**All But we're the ones who have a problem with change.**

*P* We like things to stay the way they are.

**All Or even better, we'd like things to go back to the way they were before.**

*P* And so we get in the way when you are trying to do a new thing.

**All We find change to be scary, and so when things need to change, we often don't show up. Forgive us.**

**Forgive us for when we ignore 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.**

*P* 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.

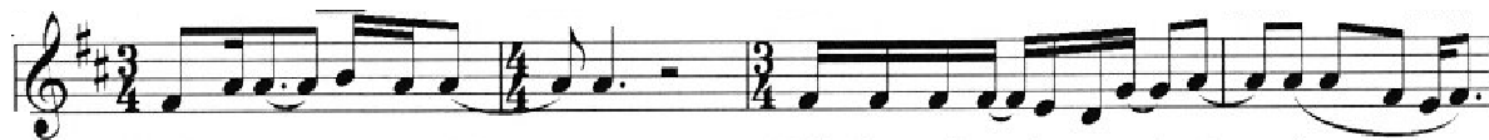
We have everything we need.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit  
our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

**All Amen.**



This is the sound of voi - ces\_\_\_ two, The



sound of me\_sing- in'with\_\_\_ you. Help-ing each o\_ther to make it\_\_\_ through\_\_\_



This is the sound of voi ces\_\_\_ two, This is the sound of voi ces\_\_\_ two.

### *Greeting*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

### *Prayer for This Day*

**P** Holy One, by the power of the Spirit,  
open our ears anew to your Word today.

**All** Free us of our cynicism and our certainty  
so that we may embrace fresh possibilities and grow in our faith.  
May these stories show us the way  
to become compassion-driven changemakers, like Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*You may be Seated*

*Lectio Divina—A Reading from Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter*

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, “Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while.” They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

Late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, “This is an isolated place, and it’s already late in the day. Send them away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something to eat for themselves.”

He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

But they said to him, “Should we go off and buy bread worth almost eight months’ pay and give it to them to eat?”

He said to them, “How much bread do you have? Take a look.” After checking, they said, “Five loaves of bread and two fish.”

He directed the disciples to seat all the people in groups as though they were having a banquet on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Everyone ate until they were full. They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. About five thousand had eaten.

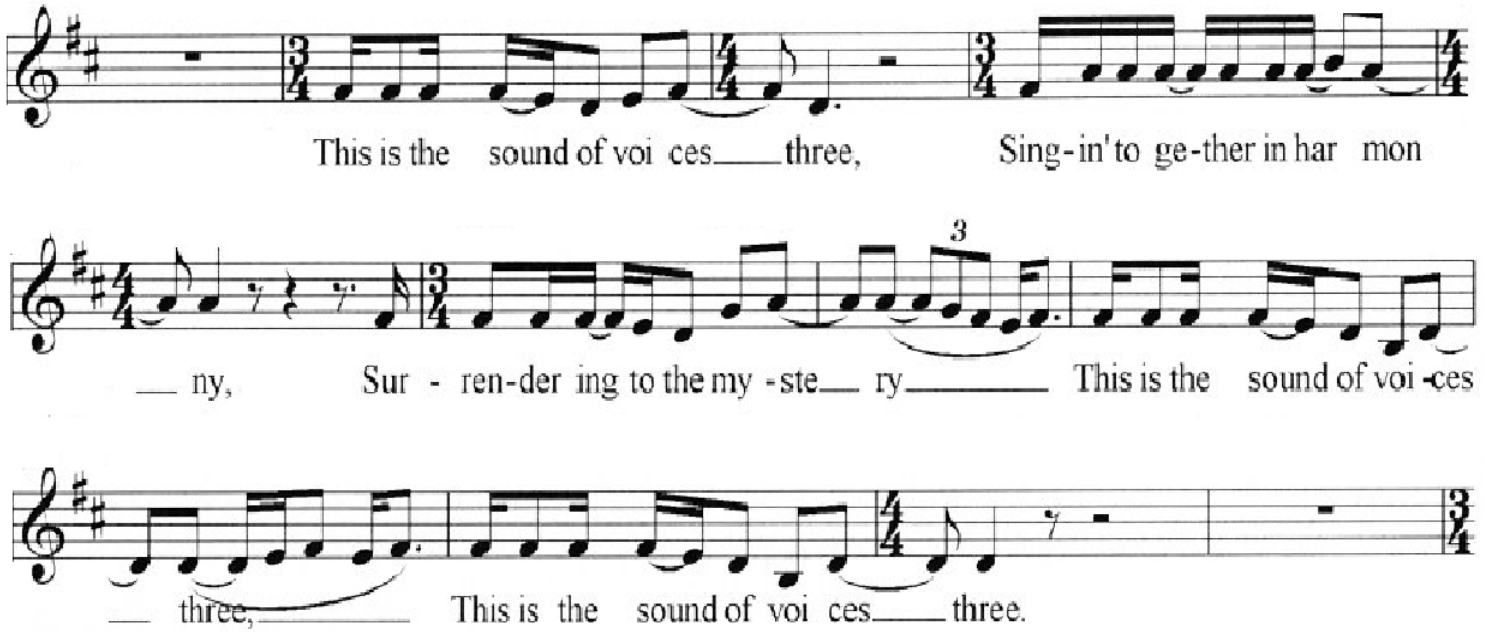
*Mark 6:30-44 (CEB—Common English Bible)*

WA The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Please stand in body or spirit.



## *Gospel Reading*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When

he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."  
*Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

*You may be Seated*

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering


*Sermon*

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**

*Hymn of the Day*

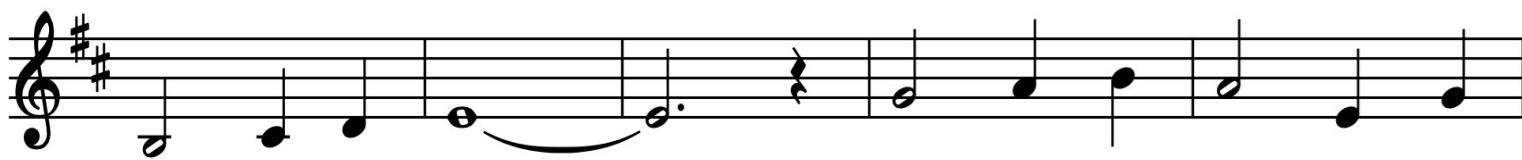
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

THOSE WHO SEE LIGHT Nancy Elze




1-3. Those who see light can walk in the dark. Those who see






1. love can see God.      Those who look up will dis -  
 2. love can see God.      Those who have wit-nessed the  
 3. love can see God.      Those who see good in each



1. cov - er God's face,      those who look down will un - cov - er God's  
 2. sun rise and set,      those who have stud - ied a flow - er un -  
 3. per - son they meet,      those who look af - ter their neigh-bors in



1. path,      those who per - ceive God is here with us  
 2. fold,      those who have fo - cused on land, sea, and  
 3. need,      those who be - lieve God's now liv - ing in



1. now will see      God's re - turn.  
 2. sky have seen      Je - sus Christ.  
 3. them will see      God's re - turn.

*Apostles' Creed*

**P** Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*You may be Seated*

*Prayers of the People*

WA Gracious God as we come to you in prayer,  
we bring thoughts of those who are no longer with us.  
We call to mind those we know need our prayers.  
We also call to mind the concerns of this world.

Holy — Loving — Changemaking God,  
be present with any and all who are hoping for  
relief, new beginnings, help, and healing.  
Help us to be with and for one another,  
claiming our identity as disciples of Jesus,  
the Changemaker of our lives.

**All**      **Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.**  
              *(Repeat throughout)*

*Leader*    For the planet, for its people.  
              For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.  
              For the hungry, for the cold.  
              For the young and for the old.  
              For our joy and for our pain.  
              For the sunshine for the rain.  
              For the dying, for the sick.  
              For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.  
              For our leaders for their minds.  
              For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.  
              For the world and its frantic pace.  
              For the places where we find deeper space.  
              For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.  
              For the chance for a prayer for everyone.  
              For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

**All**      **Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P*      Jesus Christ become peace with you.

**All**    **And also with you.**

*You may be Seated*

## Offertory

This is the sound of all of us Sing-in' with love and the will to  
trust. Leave the rest be-hind, it 'll turn to dust This is the sound of all of  
us This is the sound of all of us.

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Let us pray:

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit,  
have power to knit our imperfect hearts,  
our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories,  
and our gifts, one to another.

**All** Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord,  
that all might resound to Your glory. Amen.

*Holy Communion*

*P* The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*WA* Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him, we find our purpose,

seeking to serve his purposes in our lives.

Your Spirit anointed him to bring change for those who needed it most:

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

*P* In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* And so, in remembrance of your wonder-filled acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves for changemaking as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ –

May we become what we have freely received  
...the body of Christ.

By your Spirit, seal our connection with Christ,  
our connection with each other,  
and our connection to all the world through our ministry  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**All Through your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Invitation

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

## Communion Songs

There is an Everlasting Kindness  
(The Compassion Hymn)

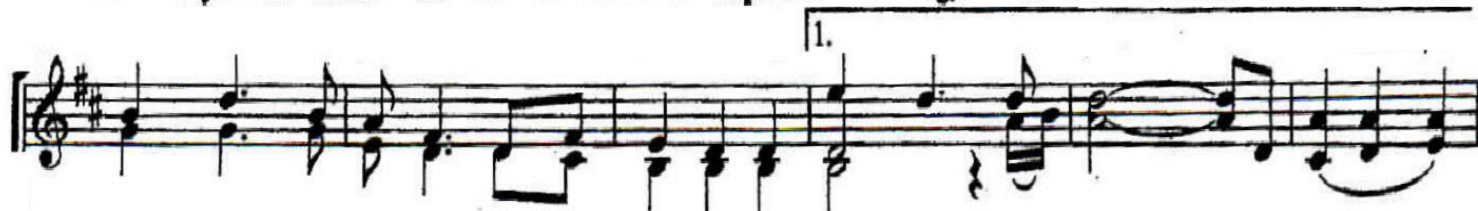
with & Kristyn Getty  
& Stuart Townend



1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You lav - ished on us, when the ra - dian - ce of hea - ven came to  
pass - ion for the hurt - ing. You reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the  
neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and gazed on Your face at the thorns of op - press - ion and the  
ful the feet that car - ry\_ this Gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - just - ice and the



res - cue the lost. You called the sheep with - out a shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your  
dead breathed a - gain. You saw be - hind the eyes of sor - row\_ and shared in our tears; heard the  
wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly You have borne our suff'ring\_ and car - ried our grief, as You  
val - leys of need. To be a voice of hope and heal - ing\_ to ans - wer the cries of the



streams of for - give - ness and the shade of your rest.  
sigh of the wear - y, let the child - ren draw  
par - doned the scoff - er and showed grace to the  
hun - gry and help - less with the mer - cy of





2.3. Refrain

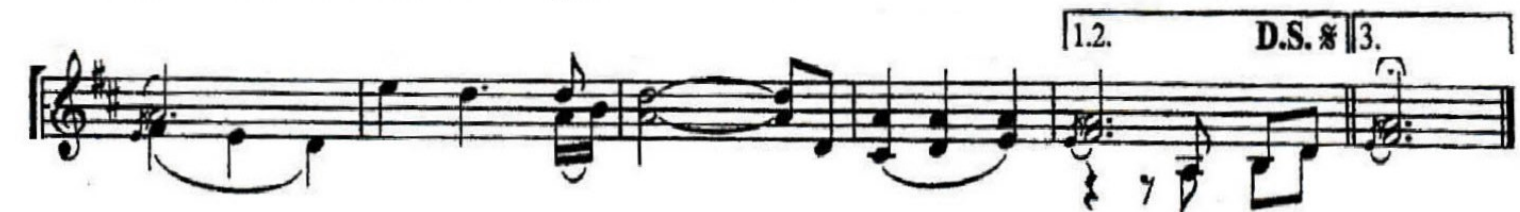
2. And with com- near, thief. } What bound - less love, what fath-om-less grace You have shown us, O Christ.



God of com - pass - ion. Each day we live an off-ering of praise, as we



show to the world Your com - pass - ion.



1.2. D.S. 3.

3. We stood be -  
4. How beau-ti -

# Freely Freely

Words and Music by Carol Owens



1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'  
2 All \_\_\_\_\_ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in  
name, In \_\_\_\_\_ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |  
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |



come to you To share His  
come to you to share His  
love as He told me to: He said,  
pow'r as He told me to: He said,  
"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -  
ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give;  
Go in My name and, be - cause you be -  
lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live."

### *Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

Please stand in body or spirit.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All** Amen

**P** Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

**All** Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

You may be Seated

# *Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

## *Benediction*

Please stand in body or spirit.

*P* Blessed are the changemakers.  
Blessed are you who are not asleep  
to the world's pain and suffering.  
Blessed are you who lament for the way things are.  
Blessed are you who know, to the depth of your bones,  
that this is not how things are meant to be.  
Blessed are you for not believing the lie that  
this is how they will always remain.  
Blessed are you who know that things can change,  
who long for things to change.  
Blessed are you whose life's ambition is to bring the change  
that is justice and mercy for all.  
Blessed are you who know that God has always employed the faithful  
acts of ordinary people to heal and change this world.  
Blessed are you who know that change begins today,  
change begins with us, ✝  
and that we are blessed to be the changemakers.  
Let the people say...

**All** Amen.

## *Sending*

This is the sound of one voice, One peo-ple, one voice. A

song for ev - ry one of us, This is the sound of one

voice, This is the sound of one voice.

## *Dismissal*

**WA** Now go into the world,  
risking something big for something good.  
Know that compassion is fueled by God's love  
that is never absent or in short supply.

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**All** Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,  
October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Lectio Divina**

Mark 6:30-44  
(The Message)

**Gospel:**

Luke 10:1-11 (CEB)

Revised Common Lectionary,  
October 12<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

**Psalm:**

Psalm 111

**Second Reading:**

2 Timothy 2:8-15

**Gospel:**

Luke 17:11-19

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