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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

God sets a plumb line to judge how we care for our neighbor. Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan to teach us how to be a good neighbor. Everything hangs in the balance.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Harlan Otter

***Call to Worship** Martha McMahan

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all of your mind.

We will worship God, the one we love.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We will open our hearts to all God's children.

***Opening Prayer**

God of power and might, turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. For only in loving can we lead lives worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage to live with the saints in the glory of your love. And fill us with your grace and peace, that we may know the richness of eternal life in your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "God of Grace, God of Glory" UMH#577

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Bill Florin

Love of God and neighbor is the path to eternal life. Rejoicing in the love that flows within, when we abide in Christ's peace, share this peace with your neighbor.

Children's Message Bill Florin

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Martha McMahan

Judge us in your righteousness, Holy One, and show us who we truly are, for we long to see ourselves as you see us. Against the plumb line of your justice, our ways seem out of balance, and our practices seem wanting. We yearn for the day when the powerful will no longer deny justice to the weak and destitute, or turn a blind eye to the wicked. We long for the time when those who live at ease will no longer ignore the plight of the poor, or turn away from those living paycheck to paycheck. Show us what it means to be a good neighbor, that our works may bear good fruit, and that our lives may shine the light of your justice. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Bill Florin

Eternal life is ours when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and when we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Hymn of Response "Make Me A Channel of your Peace" TFWS#2171

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1-14 Martha McMahan

Salutation

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.[²]

Paul Thanks God for the Colossians

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the [²] Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **4** for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel **6** that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. **7** This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our [²] behalf, **8** and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's [²] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. **11** May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, [²] who has enabled [²] you [²] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, [²] the forgiveness of sins.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** John 19:25-27 Martha McMahan

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. [²] "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" **27** He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came

upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reflecting on God's Message "More Than a Ripple" Bill Florin

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Bill Florin

Offertory Anthem Harlan Otter

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Bill Florin

Bountiful God, your love bears the fruit of hope and grace; your ways lead to fullness of life. May today's offering bear fruit in our world, that your love may cause old hatreds to cease, old wounds heal, and old divisions mend. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "This Is My Song" UMH#437

Lord's Prayer

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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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*Pascin, Jules, 1885-1930. Good Samaritan, from Art in the Christian Tradition

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You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.