

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians. **Exodus 14:30**

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

Exodus 15:20

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8

"I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me." **Matthew 18:34**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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*+Introit 455 (2x)

*Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Freedom

*+Hymn 52

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Prayer for Freedom

We leave our chains behind
as You deliver us from bondage,
O One Who Parts the Waters.

We are crossing over
into hope
and into a new world order,
singing, dancing,
celebrating
the gift of liberation.

+Response (2x)

*How could anyone ever tell you,
you were anything less than beautiful.
How could anyone ever tell you, you were less than whole?
How can anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle.
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 586

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Blessing the World

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

+Response 188, v. 1

"Jesus Loves Me!"

First Pew

+Response 188, v. 2

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Exodus 15:1b-11

Sermon

"O, Freedom!"

*+Hymn 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

The Emancipation Proclamation

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Steal Away"

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*Yellow Ribbon Ritual

We who were so long silent
shout the word we are discerning.
*Our restoration is at hand,
we are coming through the waters.*
A short while in the wilderness
will strengthen and prepare us.
*Our transformation is at hand,
we are coming through the waters.*
We can see into the promised land.
We are a new creation.
*Our celebration is at hand,
we are coming through the waters.*

*Sending (2x)

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

*Postlude

African American Narratives of Antietam, recorded in *Black Antietam: African Americans and the Civil War in Sharpsburg* by Emilie Amt

We come home Friday, and then we had everything to clean up. But we thanked the Lord we wan't killed, and we didn't mind the dirt. **Christina Watson, enslaved as a clerk at Delaney's Tavern, Sharpsburg, MD**

The house, as well as the barn, had been used as a hospital, and what ever had been left in it was gone. **Hilary Watson, enslaved by John Otto, Sharpsburg, MD outskirts**

The home church was taken for a hospital, and there were no religious services held in it for some time. **Archie Ridout, son of Rev. Daniel Ridout, free Black AME circuit preacher for Washington County, MD, 1862**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Freedom

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Prayer for Freedom

Yellow Ribbon Ritual
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Ordinary Time
Twenty-fourth Sunday

September 17, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 17 • Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Guns to Gardens Reflections & Questions - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 20

4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 21

5:00 p.m. Campus Ministry Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 22

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

Sunday, September 24 • Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education Kick-off - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a short song from Canada. The Opening Hymn is an African American spiritual, resonating for all who are oppressed. The Response to the Prayer for Liberation is the SPC Baptismal Serenade. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text. The Response before and after the First Pew is a 19th Century summary of Christian teaching. The Sermon Hymn was generated by 19th Century centennial celebrations, within a decade of the American Civil War. The Sending is the refrain of a 21st Century hymn of liberation.

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Burnside Bridge

Three shimmering, arched curves reflect themselves on
the serene, brown-green waters of Antietam Creek
on this sunny, spring-like day,
announcing the tranquil presence of Burnside Bridge.

There she stands in simple splendor:
an unpretentious, motionless structure,
limestone and granite,
twelve feet wide,
one hundred twenty-five feet long.

Yet more than mere stone and measurements,
it is a perpetual embodiment of remembrance,
an everlasting gateway to history
and a silent witness to tragedy and human conflict:
the swirl of battle,
the sound of bullets,
the stench of slaughter,
the cries of mayhem,
the pain of death.
Misty memories frozen in time,
September 17, 1862. ...

Larry Neumark

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