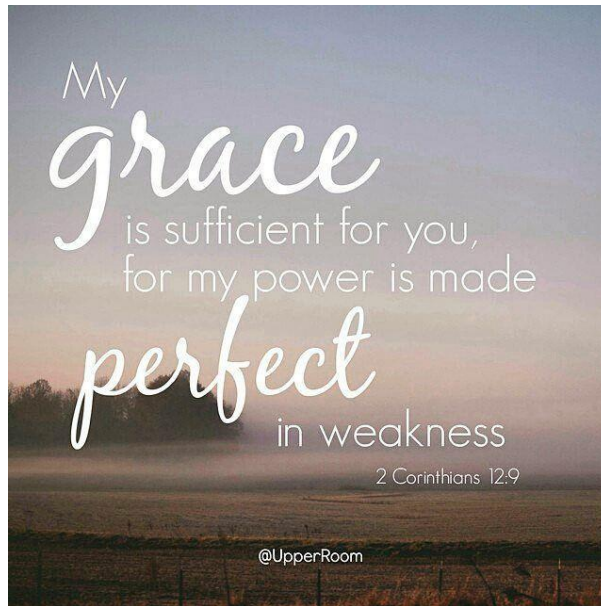


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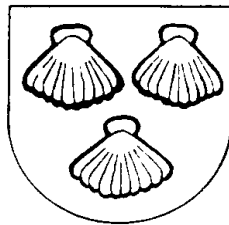


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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude

"Variations on Engelberg" Austin Lovelace

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH 334

Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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Call to Worship

Nancy Everstine

ONE: Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

ALL: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are.

May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Nancy Everstine

**Eternal Spirit, you call us to set aside our scheming and place our trust in you alone.
You challenge us to take nothing for the journey but our desire to do your will.
Teach us once more that your strength is made perfect in weakness,
and that your grace is sufficient to meet our every need.
With the confidence of little children, we place our lives in your hands this day.
For we know that you will be with us every moment of our lives. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Nancy Everstine

Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (CEB)

Nancy Everstine

Message

Rev. Patricia Abell

Baptism

Rev. Patricia Abell

**Noah Leonard Nadrah and Christopher James Nadrah, sons of Keith and Malory Nadrah
Great-grandsons of Marlene Leyh**

Prayer of the People, Church & World

Nancy Everstine

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Music for Communion

“You Who Are Thirsty”

TFWS 2132

You who are thirsty
Come to the well and drink
From waters flowing
You who are hungry
Come to the bread and eat
Of His holiness
You who are tired find rest
You who are weak find strength
You who are thirsty
Come to the well and drink

He will freely feed
All of them who are weak
He will quench the righteous thirst
Of all who humbly seek

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*Closing Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

TFWS 2158

1. I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be

2. Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To thy shore dear Lord to thy shore

Refrain

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

The apostle Paul says that he embraces his vulnerability, “for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10c). In what ways might God be calling you to be vulnerable today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Fire of life, thank you for bringing me safely through the night.
As this new day dawns let me receive it as a gift and a blessing.

Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to you.

Attune my body to the rhythms of the day so that I can love and serve others as you guide me.

If I experience hardship or pain or if I am exposed to danger,
send your Holy Spirit to help me to put my trust more fully in you.

Remind me that in life and in death I belong to you.

Let me walk gently on the earth, thankful for your providence and grace.

Let me dance joyfully with you, mindful that I share movement with planets and stars.

When the day is done and it is time to rest, grant that I can offer the day to you with thanksgiving.

I offer my prayer in the name of the Beloved Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, I lift my evening prayer as shadows cover me and night sounds come from hidden places.

But darkness is not dark to you, so I ask that you hear my prayers and see me through the night.

I have only the activities of the day to offer as my living sacrifice of praise.

Forgive my unholiness; reconcile me by your grace.

For the sake of the risen Christ, this night grant me peace. Amen.

Resources:

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