



Thomas A. Edison  
**Congregational Church**

*AUGUST 21, 2022*



# **Order of Worship**

## **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Of the Growing Season**

(\*\* You are invited to stand.)  
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

***When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.***

### **Church Bell Calls Us to Worship**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Variations on the Old 100th**

By: Anne Buys

#### **Opening Hymn of Faith #**

#### **Hymn of Faithfulness**

#### **Doxology for Humble Humanity Created in God's Image**

by Kurt Struckmeyer

**Praise life that makes us change and grow  
Praise love that makes compassion flow  
Praise peace that ends all strife and fear  
Praise hands that work for justice here**

**Praise ears that hear the children's cries  
Praise truth that drives out cruel lies  
Praise hearts that value human worth  
Praise lives that build a better earth**

**Praise eyes that see all human need  
Praise minds that cast out selfish greed**

**Praise lips that challenge those in power  
Praise those who struggle every hour**

**Praise faith that keeps us ever strong  
Praise hope that triumphs over wrong  
Praise dreams that make our spirits rise  
Praise voices raised in joyful cries**

Music: Old Hundredth / "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" © 2013

### **Call To Worship (Responsively)**

One: We are community.

**All: We are a community of faith.**

One: Embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation, we are a community that looks for the light of Christ.

**All: We are a community of faith.**

One: Within this dynamic community, we foster connections and experiences that bring meaning to life and help us face the issues of our day.

**All: We are a community of faith.**

One: Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds and hands extended to all.

**All: We are a community of faith bathed in the love of God.**

**Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

May Christ be with You on Your Journey!  
**And also, with you!**

## **Prayer of Discipleship (Responsively)**

One: We believe in Jesus Christ and his gospel, born to us all so long ago in Bethlehem of Judea. We believe in him whose birthed glorified Bethlehem, but for whom there was no room in the inn. We believe in him whose guiding star brought together to his manger the humble shepherds and the wise men. We believe in him whose guiding star can bring together in his name the humble and the wise everywhere.

**All: We believe these things about Jesus then, and we believe we are to be like Jesus to those around us now.**

One: We believe in him who walked among the common people, and who was welcomed by those with open minds and yearning hearts, whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the sick and afflicted, welcomed and accepted as their Lord and Savior. We believe in him whose life changed the course of history, over whom kings had no power, whose life humbled the proud, toppled the mighty and elevated those of low degree. We believe in him whose love changed human hearts for the better, and whose life and death on the cross proved that it is more important to serve than to be served, and that the greatest are those who give their lives in service for others.

**All: We believe these things about Jesus then, and we believe we are to be like Jesus to those around us now.**

One: We believe in him who is the Prince of Peace, whose spirit makes for justice and peace among all people, everywhere. We believe that the Spirit of Christ — is the Spirit that can change the world for the better through the power of love, faith and hope.

**All: We believe these things about Jesus then, and we believe we are to be like Jesus to those around us now.**

**Amen.**

—Slightly adapted from a prayer adapted by Dr. A. Howard Gabriel partly from a Christmas creed by Walter Russell Bowie and from an anonymous South American creed.

## **Prayers of the People and Concerns of the Hearts**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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.**

**Prayer Response**

**God Be the Love**

**Scripture for the Day**

**LUKE 13:10-17**



## Healing on a Sabbath

<sup>10</sup> Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." <sup>13</sup> He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? <sup>16</sup> Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

— Common English Bible

## Response to the Sharing of God's Story

The Story of God for the People of God;  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Gift of Music:**

**He Touched Me**

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## He Touched Me 505

*Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. Mark 1:41*

1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, 'Neath a load of  
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and

guilt and shame; Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
made me whole; I will nev - er cease to praise Him -

*Refrain*  
And now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O, He  
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, And O, the joy that floods my soul! Some - thing

hap - pened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

TEXT: William J. Gaicher  
MUSIC: William J. Gaicher

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HE TOUCHED ME  
Irregular meter

## Hymn of Faith

## Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun  
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun  
I came down from Heaven & I danced on Earth  
At Bethlehem I had my birth:

Dance then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!  
(...lead you all in the Dance, said He!)

I danced for the scribe & the pharisee  
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me  
I danced for fishermen, for James & John  
They came with me & the Dance went on:

Dance then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!  
(...lead you all in the Dance, said He!)

I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame  
The holy people said it was a shame!  
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high  
And they left me there on a cross to die!



**Dance then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!  
(...lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back  
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone  
But I am the Dance & I still go on!**

**Dance then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!  
(...lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high  
I am the Life that'll never, never die!  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!**

**Dance then, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!**

Artist: Sydney Carter

**Call To Give**

## Offertory

### Offertory on "Jesus, United by Grace"

Tune: St. Agnes  
Arr. By: Elizabeth Krause

## \* Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Doxology: Thomas Ken, 1674  
Music: Old Hundredth attr. to Louis Bourgeois, pub.1551

## Life of Our Church

**Quilting on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.**

**Faith Development will be starting back up on  
September 7<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be learning:**

***“Preachers I Wished I Preached Like  
And the Gospel they Preached”***

**11:00 AM and 6:30 PM in Sanctuary; 10:00 AM Online**

**We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
If Interested contact Pastor Jim @ 502-494-6649,  
or the Church Office @ 239-334-4947**

## Benediction (responsively)

Our worship has ended, but now our life of service begins!  
Go from this space, for you and I are the body of Christ, and all  
of creation awaits us. So, live passionately, and love faithfully,

and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the Finale. Our God of relentless, amazing, creative, and hopeful grace goes with us.

Amen. **Amen.**

-adapted from the Rev. Michael S. Piazza

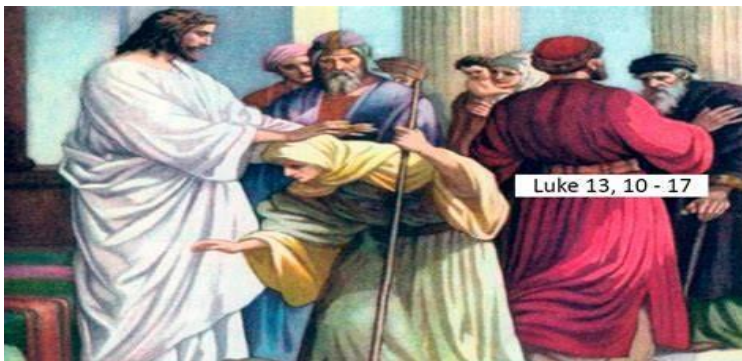
## Postlude

### Postlude on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Tune: Grosser Gott

By: Edward Landin

## Time With Today's Scripture and Our Children



### Which is More Important?

**Luke 13:10-17**

By Dr. Carol J Miller

Hello, boys and girls! Before you get too comfortable, I'd like you to do a favor for me. Would everyone please stand up! Now bend over and try to touch your toes. Don't try too hard. Don't bounce. Just see how close to your toes you can come comfortably.

Now, with your hands still hanging down, straighten up just enough to have your hands on your knees. Just stand like that for 30 seconds-half a minute.

(Count slowly to 30. Tell the kids to stand up straight, then go sit down).

Ask if standing all bent over was uncomfortable. Ask if it would be hard to play sports like that. Or help with the dishes. Or get dressed.

Tell them that the lady in today's story had been bent over for 18 years! Do you think that she was uncomfortable? She must have had a terrible time doing things.

Do you think some people stared at her or made fun of her? 18 years! That's how long it takes to get from kindergarten to high school graduation.

Well, one day Jesus saw the woman. What do you think that Jesus wanted to do for her? Jesus wanted to make her well—right that minute. Jesus did not wait; he called over to her to tell her she was healed. Then Jesus went to her and touched her and she stood up straight! Wow! Can you imagine how she felt?

You would think that everyone would be really happy for her. But one man was not happy. The leader of the synagogue was angry. It was Sabbath—the day people went to church to worship God. Now there is a commandment that people should not work on the worship day. Instead, they should go to church and pray and think about God. The angry man said that Jesus should have waited a day because healing the lady was a kind of work! He thought that poor woman should suffer one more day so that nobody broke a rule. If it were your grandmother or someone else you loved, would you want them to wait?

Jesus told the synagogue leader that he was only pretending to care about God's law. Jesus told him that, if he were really a person who cared about keeping God's law, he would not want the woman to be bent over one more second. Jesus knew there was a more important commandment: **"Love your neighbor."** That's the commandment the man should have cared about. The woman was more important than the law about when to work.

Jesus did the right thing. He loved his neighbor, so he helped her.

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Notes and Cards can be sent to Kathy Baumann at:

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## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Our Church Members:**

Kate Baumann; Roy Shipley; Malcolm Youngquist; Don Cole; Rod Schaffter;  
Ian Laughlin; Tina and family.

### **Friends & Family:**

Pat Tangusol (Friend of the Church and Quilter);  
KC (Friends of Lori Main);  
Larry Zeigler (Lana's Husband); Bernice (Friend of Bill Persons);  
Leon & Wes (friends of Patty Newcomer) & Joan (Patty's Mother);  
Duane (Friend of Tom & Sherrie McIntyre);



## **SIGN UP SHEET'S**

### **USHER AND GREETER**

There are Sign-Up Sheet's on the bulletin board for the next couple of months if anyone is interested in helping with Greeting and Ushering. Please see the page's right above the calendar on the right-hand side of the bulletin.

### **HELPING WITH CATHY'S PLACE**

We are opening up Cathy's Place in September. We are looking for helpers for the following date's:

September 11<sup>th</sup>

September 18<sup>th</sup>

September 25<sup>th</sup>

If anyone is interested in helping with any of these date's and going forward, please either see or call Pastor Jim or the Office. Resource's will be available. Let's get our children back to Sunday School and learn about our wonderful God. We appreciate everyone's help. Sign-up sheet's will be on the bulletin board.





**Some of the items that we have collected so far this year to share with the community local and global:**

**6 Banana boxes full of socks and underwear for refugee children**

**500 pounds of Beans and Rice for migrate workers**

**257 Stuff animals**

**School supplies for the Edison Park Elementary School –  
about 10 banana boxes full of supplies**

**No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here at  
Edison Congregational Church.  
Welcome Home!**

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Pastor Jim can be reached at the office or on his cell phone  
at 502-494-6649 (voice & text).

***Our Church Staff***

*Senior Minister – Rev. Jim Harper, III  
Associate Minister – Rev. Anton Pierce  
Administrative Assistant – Cindy Wilson  
Organist – Dr. Tony Contino  
Pianist - Barry Pierce*

*Your gifts are deeply appreciated and enable this ministry to continue. Our church retains the  
right to redirect donations to the area of greatest need.*

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