

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.
We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).
We nurture our faith.
We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.
We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

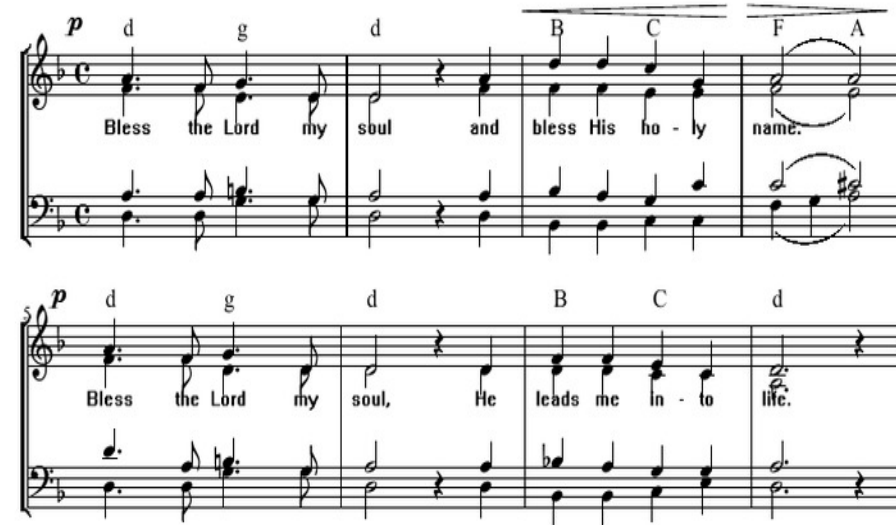
We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
We help the vulnerable among us.
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the coming week:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, fill me with Your Love."

Bless the Lord my soul

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Order of Worship
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The Season after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading from the Te Deum Laudamus

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Series: Prophetic Imagination: They Teach Us To See
Sermon: "Frederick Douglass"
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

We Come to the Table

Prayers of the People
Song of Preparation
The Peace
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
We Eat and Drink Together
The Lord's Prayer
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Sermon Reflection Guide

Isaiah 1.1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Question for Everyone

(1) Perception is about seeing with the eyes.
(10) Perception is about seeing with the heart.
Where are you on this range?

What is Essential is Invisible to the Eye

Fred Rogers favorite quote was "The essential things in life are seen not seen with the eyes but with the heart. *What is essential is invisible to the eye*" (*The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery). Do you believe that what is essential is invisible to the eye? What do you think this quote means? Why do you think Mr. Rogers loved it so much?

Relying on Others to See

The Prophet Isaiah got me to thinking about how often I rely on other kinds of perceiving to understand the world. We live in a world in which seeing the same thing does not mean bearing witness to the same event. The older I get, the more I realize how important it is to choose wise persons with which to sojourn, wise scholars to read, wise friends with whom I converse. Wisdom helps us see. Prophetic wisdom helps us see with clarity that which many are content not to see. The fact is that your eyes will see only that which your heart allows you to see. We see more with the eyes of our heart than we do with our pupils. Who do you rely on to help you perceive reality? What does this list of people reveal about you?

The Prophet Isaiah

"The task of the prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us" (*Prophetic Imagination*, Walter Brueggemann). This requires, however, an untethering from the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture. Walter Brueggemann says that "It is my sense that when the preacher proclaims in the baptized community in our present social context, the preacher speaks to a company of exiles. The great problem for exiles is cultural assimilation. The twin temptations of exile are despair and assimilation, both temptations are to give up a peculiar identity for a less-demanding, less-risky identity" (*Cadences of Home*).

Response? How might it be helpful for Christians to embrace an exilic identity?

Frederick Douglass

"There is a prophet within us, forever whispering that behind the seen, lies the immeasurable unseen" (Douglass) Using biblical and prophetic language of jubilee, Douglass said "That jubilee will come. You and I may not live to see it; but . . . God reigns, and slavery must yet fall; unless the devil is more potent than the Almighty, unless sin is stronger than righteousness, slavery must perish." What does the "prophet within you" tell you about the context in which we are living? What are you seeing?