

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

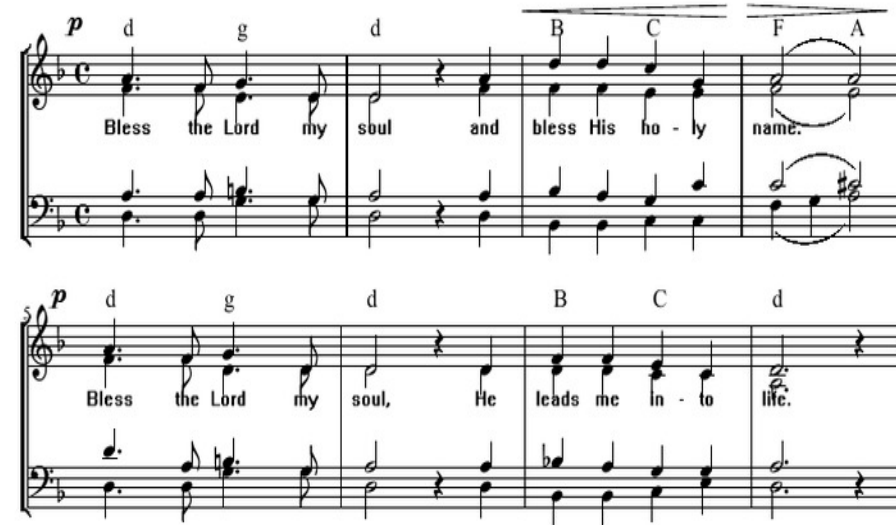
We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
We help the vulnerable among us.
We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

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: "Catherine Booth"
Scripture Reading: Joel 2.21-29

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

Joel 2.21-29

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Question for Everyone

(1) I think the pandemic is entirely bad. There is no silver lining to be found. (10) I think the pandemic has offered us many teachable moments. I can easily see a silver lining. Where are you on this range?

We Celebrate the Ordination of Women

The practice of equity among men and women is an integral part of the work of Christ in the world because our Lord brings down bullies and lifts up the powerless. That's what Jesus' mom told us, a formidable woman in her own right. When you think about it, in light of Joel's vision, the ordination of women serves as an eschatological sign of the fullness of the reign of God coming in Christ. God is moving us by grace into the work of New Creation, a New Creation in which "sons and daughters shall prophesy." Radical egalitarian equity is the work of God's reign in the world. Response?

The Right Side of History in Romanian

I'd rather be on the right side of history and lose a battle knowing that God in Christ will win the Lamb's war by making all things new, including gender equality. Do you live on the "right side of history?" Does it matter to you how history will judge your actions or lack thereof?

Prophetic Hope

In the midst of an ecological catastrophe, the prophet dares hope. Through prophetic imagination, Joel sees the sovereign determination of God to usher in a New Age of abundance and human flourishing. Don't ever forget God's desire is abundance and flourishing. Response?

Catherine Booth

When people suggested that a woman's place was in the home, she wondered if the Christian church, which preached a liberating gospel to both men and women, could keep women from expressing their ministry gifts. She eventually concluded that a false interpretation of Paul's comment about women keeping silent in church had resulted in "loss to the church, evil to the world, and dishonor to God." Let's talk about gender roles and our "liberating gospel."

From Her Last Sermon

"My dear Children and Friends,— My heart is with you. You are my joy and my crown. Your battles, sufferings and victories have been the chief interests of my life these twenty-five years. They are so still. Go forward. Live holy lives. Be true to the Salvation Army. God is your strength. Love and seek the lost; bring them to the blood. Make the people good; inspire them with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Love one another; help your comrades in dark hours. I am dying under the Salvation Army flag; it is yours to live and fight under. God is my salvation and refuge in the storm. I send you my love and blessing."

Goldie Moore

Who knows what my story would have been without Aunt Goldie given the contingent nature of human existence. She was my mom's pastor and Sunday school teacher. She led my father to faith. She officiated my parents' wedding. I owe a great deal to Goldie Moore, a woman preacher. Name and give thanks for the prominent women in your life that have nurtured your faith.