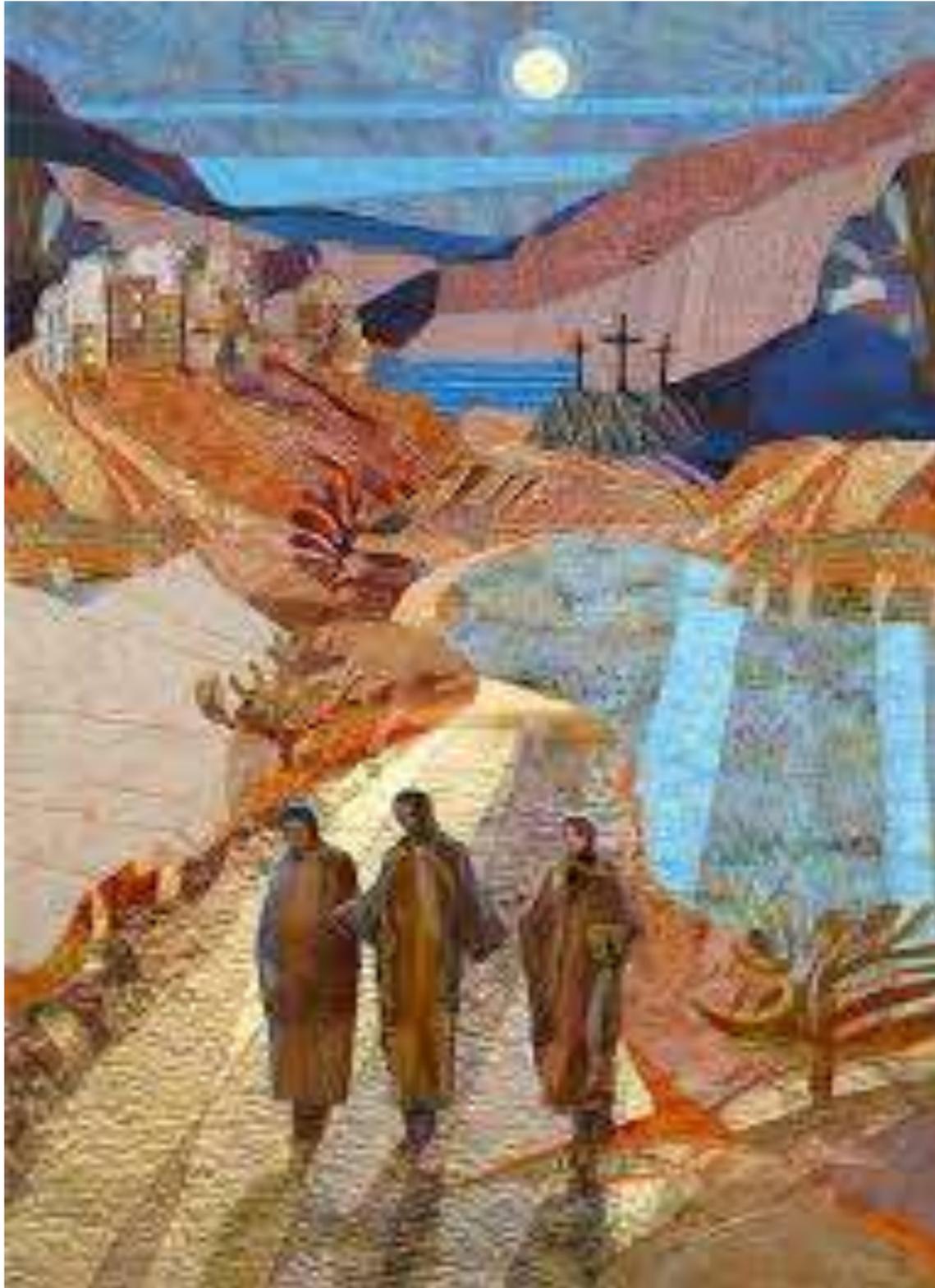


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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTROIT - Handchime Choir: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
arranged by Terry Osman

*HYMN: #170 – Your Ways Are Not Our Own

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Blessed are those who trust in God,

MANY: Let us hear the Word of God and allow that Word to shape our lives.

ONE: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,

MANY: Let us give our best to our Creator, bearing fruit in abundance.

ONE: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,

MANY: Let us come now to worship and praise our Holy God.

*INVOCATION (unison)

**Come, Holy God, grant us in this hour wise counsel and clear direction.
Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us,
as Christ walked with the disciples long ago, so that your realm may
become for us a present reality as well as a future hope. Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE # 2 vs 1- Glory, Glory Hallelujah

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Lehoullier

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Children are excused as we sing: **"Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."**

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to
the false prophets.

SERMON: “This, too, Shall Pass”

WE RESPOND WITH SILENCE AND PRAYER

*HYMN: #52 – There Is a Name I Love To Hear

PASTORAL PRAYER and SILENCE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Quenched by living water, we are privileged to bear fruit. Contributing our
material riches, we discover unanticipated spiritual rewards. The blessings we
share are multiplied in the service of God. Let us give with joy.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY #760 - Masithi**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and
the healing you produce in the lives of those who respond to your love.
You have touched our lives in ways that make us abundantly wealthy. Now
use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, near and far.
May the offering of ourselves and our finances bear plentiful fruit. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN: #76 – Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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