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Welcome and Announcements

Deacon

Prelude

*A Prayer of Need**
Penny Rodriguez

Norman McFarlane

Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 49

Deacon

One: Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

All: God has called each of us before we were even born.

One: It was God who named us.

All: It is God who claims us.

One: The light of God's love shines in us.

All: Let's shine God's love into all the world.

Gathering HymnI Love to Tell the Story*

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Message for All

Sarah Pradhan

Deacons will collect Joy and Concern cards at this time.

A Litany for Martin by Charles Graves, IV

Holy God, Divine Spirit, Ruler of All, we thank you this day for all who are gathered here, and all across this nation and across this earth, fighting for justice, striving for peace. We thank you for all those who are no longer with us, whose battles have ended, who fought the good fight and who have finished the race. Hallelujah, **Amen**

For those who stood up, and for those who sat down. For those who marched and for those who ran. For those who wrote and for those who prayed, for those who preached, and for those who sang, and for those who gave of themselves in every way, we say "Thank you". Hallelujah, **Amen**

And we thank you especially for a man named Martin, born some ninety years ago this very weekend. Help us to stand in his footsteps and of so many others with whom we could not and would not be standing here together. Hallelujah, **Amen**

Spirit of Justice, Mother of Wisdom, Protector of the Oppressed, We stand in a divided nation and a divided earth. Give us strength always to stand together against every form of violence and evil, oppression and degradation. Hallelujah, **Amen**

Grant us daily the courage to protect the immigrant and the widow, the underpaid and the overworked, the imprisoned and those with nowhere to lay their head. Empower us to never be impressed by unjust power and oppressive wealth. Hallelujah, **Amen**

Bless us to be vulnerable to your healing and reconciling love. May we acknowledge the ways we corrupt and denigrate one another, make amends, and always return to the Way of Love. Hallelujah, **Amen**

Draw us together in relationship to you and one another, that Becoming Beloved Community may be our constant refrain from generation to generation. And may it all be so in the name of the One who is the Source of all things. Hallelujah, **Amen**

After Litany, children are invited to join the Pathfinders class.

This Little Light of Mine (one verse)

Prayers of the People for the World

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

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, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Lean On Me/We Shall Overcome
arr. by Mark Hayes (1953-)

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Scripture

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As we hear the words of scripture

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

John 1: 35-42, The Voice Translation

John saw Jesus again as he was visiting two of his disciples.

As Jesus walked by, he announced again:

“Do you see Him? This man is the Lamb of God, God’s sacrifice to cleanse our sins.”

At that moment, the two disciples began to follow Jesus, who turned back to them saying, “What is it that you want?”

The disciples responded, “We’d like to know where you are staying. Teacher, may we remain at your side today?”

Jesus replied, “Come and see. Follow Me, and we will camp together.”

It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they met Jesus.

They came and saw where he was staying, but they got more than they imagined.

They remained with him the rest of the day and followed him for the rest of their lives.

One of these new disciples, Andrew, rushed to find his brother Simon and tell they had found the One who is promised, God’s Anointed who will heal the world.

As Andrew approached with Simon, Jesus looked into him and said, “Your name is Simon, and your father is called John.

But from this day forward you will be known as Peter, the rock.”

The grass withers and the flower fades

But the Word of God shall stand forever

Message

“Come and See”

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

***Closing Hymn**

O For A World

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***Benediction**

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

***Parting Song** *God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)*

**God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Epilogue
Lani Smith (1934-2015)

Norman McFarlane

Rev. Donna K. Manocchio will be serving as Bridge Pastor for the month of January 2023.

***MUSIC NOTES**

The prelude is a musical setting to one of the prayers of German monk Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471) adapted below.

A Prayer of Need

*My love is weak, my heart imperfect, so I have great need of You.
I need your strength'ning and your comfort, your instruction, and your freedom.
Let your love dissolve my hard heart.
Let your love lift me up.
Let your love reveal to me joy beyond imagination.
Let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your love.
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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!