*Mountain Spirit Metropolitan Community Church*

*A spiritual community born out of LGBTQIA+ Appalachia*

*“I praise you for I am fearsomely and wonderfully made.”*

*Ps. 139.14*

**Proper 28 Service**

**October 12th, 2025**

**Prelude** Paul W., musician

**Welcome and Protocol Honoring Home** Rev. Pressley S., liturgist

**All: We bless these mountains in which we gather, and all the animals, plants, and elements for whom this is home;**

 **We bless all who have walked this land and called this place home long before us;**

 **We bless and honor Congregation Beth Israel for sharing their home with us;**

 **And we pray that we will be a blessing in this place.**

 **May peace be among us. Amen.**

**Invocation ALL:** **Come Holy Spirit. Come any way you want. Just come. Amen**

**Gathering Song Amazing Grace Paul W and Christine W, musicians**

Amazing Grace! (how sweet the sound)

That saved a soul like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was bound, but now I’m free.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,

The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun.

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**Community Prayers** Rev. Dr. Joan S., liturgist

*Prayers of thanksgiving, care and healing for*

1. *our world,*
2. *our community*
3. *ourselves*

 Response - One: Loving God, in your compassion,

 **ALL: Hear our Prayers**

**Response Give Thanks** Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks unto the Holy One

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Child. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what our God has done for us” (Repeat) (Last time) Give thanks.

**Reading Luke 17:1-19** Susan P, lector

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; Your faith has made you well.”

Let us hear living Words. **Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon Who is good and who is bad? Refusing to “Other”**

Rev. Pressley S., preacher

**Offertory I Will Change Your Name** Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

**Communion** Rev. Pressley S, celebrant, Jori B, acolyte

C: God is with you. **All: And also with you**

C: Let us open our hearts. **All: We open them to God**

C: Let us give God thanks and praise **All: It is a good and joyful thing to do**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**Mi corazón te adora**

**Mi corazón sabe decir**

**Santo eres tú**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**My heart, my heart adores you**

**My heart knows how to say to you**

**You are holy, God**

 **Our Mother Prayer**

 **Our Mother who lives within us, we celebrate your many names.**

 **Your wisdom come, your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us.**

 **Each day you give us all that we need.**

 **You remind us of our strengths, and we embrace them.**

 **You support us in our power, and we act with courage.**

 **For you are the dwelling place within us,**

 **the empowerment around us,**

 **and the celebration among us, now and forevermore. Amen**

**Announcements** Rev. Pressley S, liturgist

+ **Book Club this week.** We’ll begin our next series,TJ Klune’s “Somewhere Beyond the Sea” on Tues., Oct. 7th, 7:30pm on Zoom. Please read through Ch. 6 if you can.

* **Choir Rehearsal,** Sunday, Oct. 11th, 118 Burton St., Asheville following service
* **“The Light of a Clear Blue Morning: A Dolly Parton-inspired Service”**, Sunday, Oct. 19th, 10:30am

**Benediction** Rev. Pressley S., liturgist

**All will be well; and all will be well; And all manner of thing will be well;**

**All will be well, be well.**

 **Go out with peace. Go out with kindness. Go out with Love,**

 **In the name of the Creator, Christ, Comforter, and All that are Wise and Good. Amén/Amen**