*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*

**Pentecost Sunday 3**

**June 28, 2025**

**Prelude** Paul W., musician

**Gathering Song** **“In This Very Room”**  Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

**Welcome and Protocol Honoring Home** Rev. Pressley Sutherland, 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**

One: Walk it out, step by step, whatever needs solving, resolving, absolving.

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Walk it out, step by step, in your joy and confusion, your heartbreak and hopefulness.

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Walk it out, step by step, prayer by prayer, breath by breath

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, Christ of the highways and byways, be with me, I pray.

**ALL: Guide my steps, be always before me.**

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

**Community Song Holy, Holy, Holy** Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

Holy, holy, holy! Creator God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! Living in Creation

Spirit of the God of Love in everyone we see

Holy, holy, holy! Moving now among us

God in all Persons, blessed Mystery

Holy, holy, holy, Creator God Almighty.

All Your works shall praise Your name,

in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, Everywhere and nowhere

God in all Creation, blessed ever be.

**Reading Lucas/Luke 10:1-12** Angel P. and Cari M., lectors

*(Español)*

Después de esto, el Señor escogió a otros setenta y dos[a] para enviarlos de dos en dos delante de él a todo pueblo y lugar adonde él pensaba ir. «La cosecha es abundante, pero son pocos los obreros —les dijo—. Por tanto, pidan al Señor de la cosecha que envíe obreros a su campo. ¡Vayan ustedes! ¡Presten atención! Porque los envío como corderos en medio de lobos. No lleven monedero ni bolsa ni sandalias; tampoco se detengan a saludar a nadie por el camino.

»En cualquier casa que entren, digan primero: “Paz a esta casa”. Si hay allí alguien que promueva la paz, la paz de ustedes reinará en ella; y si no, la paz regresará a ustedes. Quédense en esa casa, coman y beban de lo que ellos tengan, porque el trabajador tiene derecho a su salario. No anden de casa en casa.

»Cuando entren en un pueblo y los reciban, coman lo que les sirvan. Sanen a los enfermos que encuentren allí y díganles: “El reino de Dios está cerca de ustedes”. Pero cuando entren en un pueblo donde no los reciban bien, salgan a las plazas y digan: “Aun el polvo de este pueblo, que se nos ha pegado a los pies, nos lo sacudimos en protesta contra ustedes. Pero tengan por seguro que está cerca el reino de Dios”. Les digo que en aquel día será más tolerable el castigo para Sodoma que para ese pueblo.

La palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Dios.**

*(English)*

 After this Jesus appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

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

**Meditation in Dance The Village** Kris W., dancer

**Reading It Was Never Mine Alone** Erik W., lector

It was never mine alone,

Whatever was given,

It was mine to tend,

To struggle with,

To doubt and cherish.

It was mine to carry,

To live into, to refine.

It was mine to loathe,

To resist and complicate,

And mine to hold,

In gratitude,

Barely breathing.

How I have loved sharing it,

How I will grieve letting it go,

How Creator gives

And how They take

Our breath away.

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

**I will change your name**

**You shall no longer be called**

**Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid**

**I will change your name**

**Your new name shall be**

**Confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one**

**Faithfulness, friend of God**

**One who seeks My face.**

**Sermon Dust to Dust**  Rev. Pressley S., preacher

**Community Prayer Sharilyn S**

My God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

**Communion** Rev. Dr. Joan Saniuk, celebrant and Angel P., 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**

**Distribution and Dusting Prayer**

*You are invited to think of who/what you are needing to travel on from; take of your shoes and thwack the dust off of them into the tub, and perhaps pray:*

**“I release \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the name of the Creator who gives and takes away.**

**And now I journey on. Amen”**

**Songs Let Go, Let Love Ain’t No Storm** Rev. Pressley, musician

**1. Let go, let love. Let go, let love.**

Let go, let love. Let go, let love.

Let your mind be at ease.

Let your fears be released

Let your spirit find peace

In love. In love.

**2. Aint no storm going to blow me away**

Aint no storm going to blow me away

Aint no storm going to blow me away

Aint no storm….going to move me

**(V1)** Though the winds may blow I still will pray

Though the winds may blow I still will pray

Though the winds may blow I still will pray

Cling to the Rock, that shall not be moved (Chorus)

**(V2)** Though the water’s high I still will pray

Though the water’s high I still will pray

Though the water’s high I still will pray

‘Til I hear Your voice say, “Peace be still.” (Chorus)

**(V3)** Though the clouds are dark I still will pray

Though the clouds are dark I still will pray

Though the clouds are dark I still will pray

Look to the sky, there’s a rainbow high. (Chorus)

**Announcements** Rev. Pressley S, liturgist

* **New Book Group - “Jesus in Love: A Novel” by Kittredge Cherry, ch. 9-ch. 12** Tuesday, July 1st, 7:30pm on Zoom.

**+ We will not have church on Sunday, July 6th** due to people being away for the UFMCC Transformational Weekend in Scottsdale, AZ. We’ll post a special sermon video link from newly re-elected Moderator Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston for people to watch instead.

**Offertory and Closing Song It’s Amazing what Praising Can Do**

Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

It’s amazing what praising can do

Alleluia, Alleluia

It’s amazing what praising can do

Allelu-u-u-ia

I don’t worry when things go wrong

Jesus fills my life with a song

It’s amazing what praising can do

Allelu-u-u-ia

**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**