



**March 15, 2023**

**\*Invitation to Praise**

The Praise Team

**Lead Me, Guide Me (Doris M. Akers)**

**REFRAIN**

Lead me, guide me, along the way  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

**VERSE**

I am weak, and I need your strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness your face to see  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me

**Pass Me Not (Fanny J. Crosby)**

Pass me not, oh gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others thou art calling  
Do not pass me by!

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by!

**One More Day (Margaret Pleasant Doroux)**

One more day, one more day  
I thank God just for one more day  
One more day the Lord has made a way  
I thank God just for one more day

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Charlene Wingate

One: Creator God, we give thanks today for  
the witness of bold women.

**All: From the earliest times into the  
future, bold women show us how to love  
as God loves.**

One: For Eve, Miriam, and Mary and their  
courage to impact the world.

**All: We are grateful for these bold women  
and more.**

One: Let us grow a heart as strong as the  
brazen women of our past.

**All: With all of our heart, mind, and soul  
let us share God's love like a woman in worship. Let  
us worship.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Welcome One Another**

**Life of the Community**

Minister Derrick Jordan

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory Hymn**

**God Has Done Great Things for Me  
(Shirley M. K. Berkeley)**

God has done great things for me  
God has done great things for me  
Great things, great things  
God has done great things for me

God has made a way for me  
God has made a way for me  
Made a way, made a way  
God has made a way for me

I'm gonna let my little light shine  
I'm gonna let my little light shine  
Shine, Shine  
I'm gonna let my little light shine

**Gospel Scripture Lesson**  
**Matthew 22:1-14**

Matilda Bailey

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermonic Selection**

**None Like You (Dionne McClain-Freeney)**

**Sermon**

*Troubling the Banquet*

Rev. Micah Bucey

**Holy Communion**

Rev. Wingate

**Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Bucey

**\*Closing Song**

*I Feel Like Goin' On*

**Today's Musical Leaders:**

Dionne McClain-Freeney

The Space for Grace Ensemble

**\*Please stand as you are able**

