



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

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

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For 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**

