

Contemporary Order of Worship

May 14, 2023

Worship Series: Rise Up

Message: Sacrifice

Gathering *God My Rock* Praise Band  
*Lead Me to the Cross*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

\*Centering Song Christ is Risen Praise Band

\*Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: People: Gracious God,**

**We hear Your call to witness to the eternal love of Christ.**

**Remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other.**

**We are called to lift up rather than tear down;**

**to support rather than abandon,**

**to reach out when others have turned away.**

**Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times,**

**we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Mother's Day Litany Franconia Players

Prayers of People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Offering Song

Mighty to Save

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 2:4-5

Karen Coltrin

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:24-25

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Message

*Sacrifice*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Affirmation of Faith     *The World Methodist Social Affirmation*

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;  
And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.  
We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:**

**In the upholding of human dignity and community;**

**In every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;**

**In each act of self-giving on behalf of others;**

**In the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;**

**In all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

**We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:**

**Through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;**

**Through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;**

**Through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;**

**Through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;**

**Through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:**

**To take up the cross;**

**To seek abundant life for all humanity;**

**To struggle for peace with justice and freedom;**

**To risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.**

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN.**

\*Closing Song

*Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)*

Praise Band

\*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

*Christ is Risen (Reprise)*

Praise Band