Traditional Order of Worship May 5, 2024 Worship Series: Draw the Circle Wide Message: Ripples of Reconciliation

Prelude

Hosana in the Highest

Franconia Musica

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship
Pastor: In a world often marked by division and discord,
People: may we work for peace and reconciliation.
Pastor: Just as God, through Christ, reconciled us to Himself,
People: let us also seek reconciliation with one another.
Pastor: Let us embrace the opportunity to mend broken relationships,
People: to extend forgiveness, and to work towards unity and peace.
Pastor: As we lift our voices in praise,
People: may we be instruments of reconciliation in the world.

O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1-4, 7) UMH 57

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

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Pastor: Let us pray **People: Reconciling God,** Send down Your Spirit so that we may know Jesus and bear witness to our life and unity in Him. Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation in church and society. Build us together in Christ, and unite us in Your love. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Offering

How Great Thou Art/Majesty

*Doxology

Sarah Chambers

Chancel Choir

UMH 95

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

New Testament Reading	Romans 5:1-11	Peggy Brown
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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Message

Ripples of Reconciliation

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession Gracious and merciful God, we come humbly before You, acknowledging our need for reconciliation in our lives. We confess that at times, we have allowed pride, anger, and bitterness to hinder the process of healing and restoration in our relationships. We have harbored grudges, held onto past hurts, and failed to extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of compassion and understanding towards others. Give us the courage to admit our faults, to ask for forgiveness, and to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us. May Your Spirit guide us in the path of reconciliation that we may experience the freedom and joy that comes from being in right relationship with You and with our neighbors. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: God's love has been poured out upon us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great ThanksgivingUMH 13The Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.We lift them up to the Lord.Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . And so, we Your people on earth and with all the company of heaven praise Your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Holy are You . . .And so, in remembrance of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ, Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

Take Our Bread

UMH 640

Prayer Following Communion Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. AMEN.

*Hymn	Help Us Accept Each Other	r UMH 560	
*Benediction	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller		
Postlude	Prayer of St. Francis	June Shuffett	