

Words to Ponder: *"Tabitha used her privilege -- her wealth, just acts and gifts, and prophetic speech -- for the benefit of the less privileged: the widows, indigent, the hungry, depressed, oppressed, marginalized, and penalized."*
(Mitzi J. Smith)

Gathering Music "Lift Him Up" (Give Him the Highest Praise) **Music Ministry**

Words of Welcome | +Passing the Peace

Rev. Ann Hayman

+Opening Hymn "Called as Partners in God's Service"

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Call to Confession

Barbara Anderson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Weaver God, we come to you, or—more the truth—you find us, disconnected and out of sorts. We are disheartened by our failures, discouraged by our weakness, and little that we do seems worthy of your grace. Restore our fortunes. Restore our future. Weave for us the tapestry on which our lives are stretched. Give us patience with the endless back and forth of shuttle, hand and effort. We look too closely, seeing only strands and knots and snarled threads of too-much-trying or none-at-all. Grant us eyes to see the whole of which we are a part. In the end, we ask for gentleness with ourselves, acceptance of our less than perfect ways. We pray that what we do and what you weave form patterns clear to all, of mercy in the warp of it and love throughout. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Barbara Anderson

**Good people, most royal greening verdancy,
rooted in the sun you shine with radiant light.
In this circle of earthly existence you shine so finely,
it surpasses understanding.
God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God.
Siblings in Christ, children of creation, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Children's Message

"Let's Have a Fashion Show!"

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Anthem

"Because of Who You Are"

Music Ministry

Minute for Mission

"A Report from CSW"

Deacon Janee Trotman

Prayer for Illumination

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Scripture: Psalm 131

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Sermon

**“Timing Can Be Everything!”
Acts 9:36-42**

Rev. Ann Hayman

Litany in Honor of Women Here and Around the World

With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women, O God. We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you.

May their example of Christian faith help transform us into your image.

We honor women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.

We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones.

May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed. May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.

We honor women pregnant with your unborn sons and daughters, O God.

May You shelter them and the children they bear under the shadow of your almighty Presence.

We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.

May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.

We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.

We give you thanks, O God.

We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.

We give you thanks, O God.

We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.

We give you thanks, O God.

We honor all those who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.

May You watch over and keep all your people, these women and all who love them, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for your glory. In the name of the Triune God, the one who parents us and creates us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (A feminist recasting)**

Rev. Ann Hayman

**Our mother, you are everywhere
Hallowed be your many names
Your fullness come
Your desires be known
In our lives as they are in your heart
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us when we cause harm
As we forgive those who injure us
Urge us toward greater wisdom and compassion
And deliver us from false thoughts and desires
For the heart, the whole, and the radiance of life are yours
and ours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Offering

Call to Giving **Barbara Anderson**

Offertory **“What Shall I Render?”** **Music Ministry**

+Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly
hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+Prayer of Dedication **Barbara Anderson**

Announcements **Barbara Anderson**

+Closing Hymn **“O for a World”** **PH #386**

Blessing and Benediction

God has moved in all our lives. God has gathered us together this day.

And now, God sends us into the world to join God’s ongoing work.

**May the same God who led our ancestors from oppression continue to
lead us.**

May the same Holy Spirit whose ways are higher than ours continue to empower
you.

**And may the light of Christ continue to shine through each of us until
the day that we are all gathered together again.**

Go in peace.

Postlude **“If We Never Pass This Way Again!”** **Michael Turner, piano**