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An Affirming Ministry

August 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU—Voices United

Pentecost 11

MV—More Voices



~ Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a hearing assist device. ~

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Earth cures us.

All: Earth receives our woe.

One: Rock strengthens us.

All: Rock receives our weakness.

One: Rain washes sadness away.

All: Rain receives our doubt.

One: Sun makes sweet our song.

All: Sun receives the anger of our hearts.

One: God's grace stands under us.

All: God's grace unites us in love and understanding.

One: Thankful for these gifts, we worship together now!

Nancy Wood & jmb

SONG VU 313 God, Whose Almighty Word

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER SONG MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath vv.1,3

ENGAGING THE STORY

READING Luke 13:10-17

SONG For Freedom *See back of bulletin*

MESSAGE

OFFERING AND DEDICATION SONG

VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER VU 916

SONG MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

BLESSING

*Thanks to Matthias Schmidt for his music leadership
in today's service!*

As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **lemonade** and **conversation** with friends in the welcoming area. Thanks to the choir for providing water before the service and lemonade afterwards. Please take a glass and be refreshed!

We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world. As we go, there is an opportunity to participate in a Sacred Listening Circle. Blessings! Go with God!

For Freedom

Text: Sylvia Dunstan

Tune: Azmon (VU 326)

For freedom Christ has set us free!
do not submit again
to yokes of bondage, cells of doubt
or slavery's bitter chain.

But still so closely clings the sin
that wears away our hope;
faint heart and faithlessness and fear
become our chain and yoke.

Christ's freedom works within our lives
like yeast works in the dough;
then shackles break and burdens fall
life rises, healing shows.

So faith, expressed through love, becomes
the Spirit's fruitful tree;
a new creation in this world
to set the captives free.