Welcome & Call to Worship

*Song of Gathering: “Send Down the Fire”

**Refrain**

Send down the fire of your justice,

Send down the rains of your love; Come,

send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and

we shall be people of God.

**Verses**

1. Call us to be your compassion,
2. Call us to learn of your mercy,
3. Call us to answer oppression,
4. Call us to witness your Kingdom,

Teach us the song of your love; Give us

Teach us the way of your peace; Give us

Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us

Give us the presence of Christ; May your

hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us

hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us

righteous souls, ’Til your justice rolls, Make us

holy light Keep us shining bright, Ever

ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the presence of Christ.
Centering

Prayer

Rev. Chris Towles
Kenneth Pettigrew (MDiv ’16)

Song of Response: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

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.

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:6-12

Corinne Harvey Causby (MDiv ’17)

*Gospel Acclamation: “Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”

Listen to the word that God has spoken, listen to the

One who is close at hand, listen to the voice that be

gan creation, listen even if you don’t understand.
Community Charge

One voice: The work of ministry is never done in a vacuum, for we have a great cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us--leaving us with a well of wisdom to engage while serving and finding our way through this vocational calling. But also, there are the voices of those present with us as we live and work, seeking to do the most good. It is all of us who play a role in the ministry work of our colleagues and friends. So, to this community of servants: will you uphold these ministers in prayer and hope as they engage the work of justice, reconciliation, and compassion in their internship settings? Will you hear their concerns and anxieties, holding them in confidence and care? Will you share in their joys and celebrate the transformative work that they do?

Many Voices: We will, with God’s help

Intern Charge

One Voice: Will you go out into this community, carrying with you, first and foremost, the love God with a heart for the mission of this institution for you to be a leader of justice, reconciliation, and compassion?

Many Voices: We will go, carrying the love God and the mission to leaders of justice, reconciliation, and compassion with us as we serve.
One Voice: Will you carry the stories and experiences that formed you with you as you serve? Will you hold the stories and experiences of others with care?

**Many Voices:** *Our ears and hearts are open to hear the stories and experiences of those in joy and sadness, oppressed and free, without assumption or judgment. We will listen first, speaking only when it is most necessary.*

One Voice: Will you honor God and your calling, not only through service, but also through proper self-care? Will you take out time, while nurturing others, to nurture yourself: mind, body, and spirit?

**Many Voices:** *In the business of our lives and work, we will care for ourselves, so that we may serve others with an open mind, a rested body, and a glad spirit. Amen.*

**Blessing of the Water**

**The Washing of Hands**

**Song of Commissioning: “Take My Hands”**

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1. Take my hands, oh take my hands. Take my hands, oh take my hands.
3. Tune my heart, oh tune my heart. Tune my heart, oh tune my heart.
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Let them bless; let them - o - pen wide. Take my hands, O God.
Help them move; help them lead the way. Guide my feet, O God.
Make it sing; make it full of love. Tune my heart, O God.
I am yours; I am in your hands. Bless my soul, O God.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**
*Song: “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista está

Los ángeles no son enviados a cambiar

Hasta mí, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad.
Benediction

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
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Notes for Today’s Worship

About Today’s Worship
Today’s worship is led and supported by the Art of Ministry II Facilitators: Dr. John Senior, Rev. Orita McCorkle, Rev. Lee Hull Moses, Rev. Chris Towles, Rev. Lawrence Womack, Rev. K. Monet Rice-Jollah, and Rev. Chris Copeland.

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