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Holy Disruptors – Harriet Tubman

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold type indicates everyone's response.

Welcome to the fourth Sunday of our 8 week series on Holy Disruptors.

What is a Holy Disruptor?

Someone who follows God's hopes for the world and makes holy trouble...non-violently, with great courage, and with a love for all people that shines through.

Thinking through history, who would you put on this list?

Gathering

Prelude *Fairy Terns (Sterna nereis)* by Michael Ching (2007)

Welcome

*Opening Litany

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates, The One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: In every generation around the world, there arises powers that seek to destroy, to dominate and oppress for their own gain. In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression. Whether these destructive powers come from unjust laws and policies, or from beliefs and cultural practices that harm the soul, whether they come from government, society, or from the church itself, we are called to make good trouble.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus. To be a disciple is to see Christ in the face of the oppressed and suffering. We are called to be sacred interrupters, refusing to participate in the Domination Way, but instead learning to walk the Good Way. One of courage,

collaboration, compassion, and integrity. Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harms and invest our hearts, minds, and actions in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness to all living things.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: Today we walk alongside Harriet Tubman, who courageously shepherded her enslaved brethren into freedom and life, using her own power and liberation to liberate others.

C: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

* Gathering Hymn

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land *Go Down, Moses*



- 1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
- 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
- 3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
- 4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



- op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

- 5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*
- 6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

***Prayer of the Day**

○ God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servant Harriet Tubman. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Exodus 3:7-8

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites."

Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years; she was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or his donkey and lead it away to watering? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thank be to God.

Today's Disruptor is Harriet Tubman. Born into slavery in 1820, she would later free herself and hundreds of others as the "Moses of her people".

She was a guide on the Underground Railroad, a military spy, nurse, helped build schools, & fought for women's suffrage.

Children's Message

Drew Ajer

Sermon

Pr. Sara

*Song of the Day

Wade in the Water

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader

wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

***Words of the Institution**

***Invitation to Receive Communion**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.

***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 and ever. Amen

Communion Music *Andantino*

Anthem

David A. Wehr

Summer Choir

To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded... Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

The Sending

Announcements

*Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

*Sending Song *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude: *Processional Trumpet*

David A. Wehr

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We're so glad you joined us!

Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: **propeace.org**.

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Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

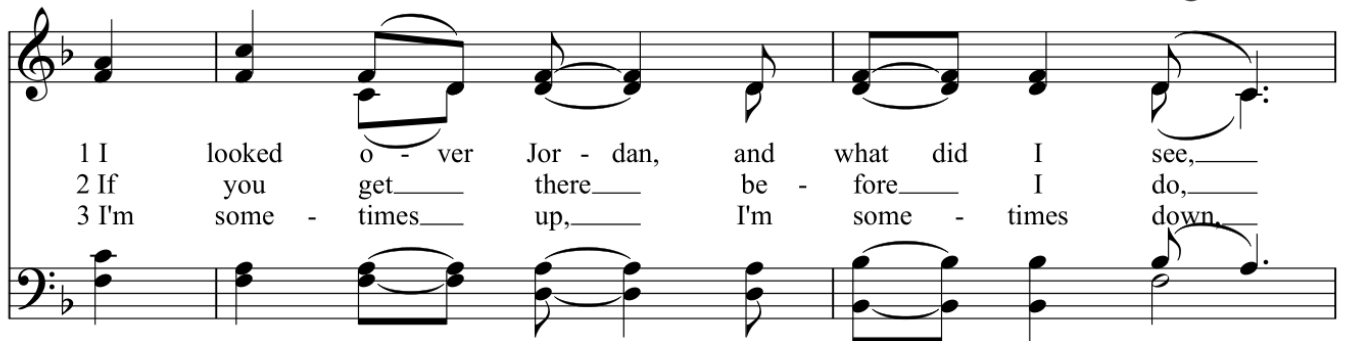
Refrain



Swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - ming for to car - ry me home;



swing low, sweet cha - ri - ot, co - ming for to car - ry me home.



1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2 If you get there be - fore I do,
3 I'm some - times up, I'm some - times down.



co - ming for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels
co - ming for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
co - ming for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

to Refrain



co - ming af - ter me, co - ming for to car - ry me home.
co - ming too, co - ming for to car - ry me home.
hea - ven - ly bound, co - ming for to car - ry me home.

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual



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SWING LOW

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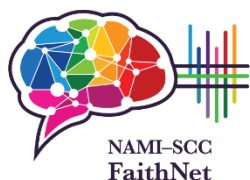
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Our theme for 2025:

Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.