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**Holy Disruptors – Desert Mothers & Fathers**

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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.**

## Gathering

**Prelude** *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (Komm, Gott Schöpfer)* Joseph Klug, arr. John Leavitt

## 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

Welcome to the first 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?

Our guest preacher is Martha Butzier, retired pastor and member at PoP!

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.”**

Pastor: Today we walk alongside the desert Mothers and Fathers. We learn the value of silence, of contemplation, of solitude with God in a loud and frantic world.

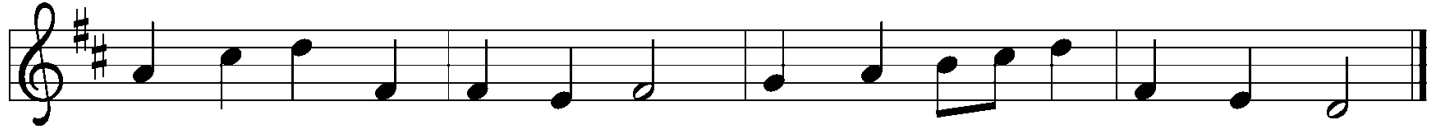
**C: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!**

## \* Gathering Hymn

### Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## Prayer of the Day

Loving God, in every age you hear the cries of those suffering at the hands of unjust power. In every age you call your children to make good trouble on behalf of those you love. May we learn from those who have gone before us what is good, true, and just. Amen.

# The Word

## \*Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-32, 6:45-56

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

<sup>45</sup>Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

<sup>47</sup>When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. <sup>49</sup>But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Here's to  
channeling our  
inner hermits this  
week...*



L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thank God.**

Children's Message  
Homily

Drew Ajer  
Rev. Martha Butzier

\*Song of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## 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...*



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.

Communion is a place of unity and gathering. I think another example of what Eternal Life looks like inside the City of God. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

## 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 tresspasses,**

**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 Assurance**

J. Bert Carlson

# 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 *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

*(Printed on the next page)*

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

### Postlude: *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

#### With thanks to our worship leaders:

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Karen Hauschildt, *Coffee Host*

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### Welcome visitors!

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](http://propeace.org).

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# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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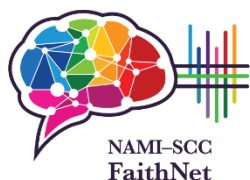
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## Our theme for 2025:

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