Prelude – My Song is Love Unknown – Tracey Craig McKibben

Welcome

Meditation –  Impromptu – Jonathan Kana

Call to Worship Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**2I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

3You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

4‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

**15Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;**

**16they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.**

**17For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.**

**18For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you welcome us into your presence and make a place for us at your table. We know we are all different individuals, but we are all one in you. Thank you for joining us together, as sisters and brothers, so we can follow you together. Receive our worship today as an offering of thanksgiving and as an acknowledgement of the grace we have received. Amen.

Hymn #386 (GTG) Come Worship God. (Verses 1,3,4)

Call to Confession

Let’s join in a time of confession when we seek forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation in our relationships with God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Welcoming God, you have set an example for us which we often do not follow. You welcome people from all walks of life, considering us one great human race. We, however, struggle to welcome those with whom we disagree, from whom we feel different, and whom we judge to be superior or inferior to ourselves. This breaks down the unity to which we have been called. It leads to brokenness and suffering. Forgive us, we pray, for withholding hospitality from those you send our way. Help us to welcome others as you welcome us so that we may know the true and full beauty of your kingdom.** (Pause for a time of silent confession). Let all God’s children say, **Amen**.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, hear this good news. We have received grace upon grace through Christ. There is nothing which can separate us from the love of God, and so I offer these words of assurance. In Christ we are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

Sharing Christ’s Peace

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Compassionate Welcome

Affirmation of Faith

***I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  Amen.***

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn #301 (GTG) verses 1,4,5 Let Us Build a House

Benediction

Postlude – With Joyful Hearts – Faye Lopez