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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our heart and soul
We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our mind and strength
We are called to love the Lord our God
And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

*Hymn

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

Carolyn Gillette (tune LOBE DEN HERREN)

***"Who is my neighbor?" A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.
So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:
Lonely the way ...
Lonely the traveler one day ...
Robbers attacked him and left him.***

***First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.
Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.
Then one despised,
Hated in everyone's eyes,
Knelt down to heal and restore him.***

***Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.
He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.
Not by a creed
But by responding to need,
He proved to be the good neighbor.***

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

***My Lord God,
I confess that I am the priest and the Levite.
Not only did I walk past, I walked away. I was too busy, too frightened, my heart was too cold.
In my own abundance, I was too poor in spirit to bear the cost. In my own comfort, I was too complacent to suffer any inconvenience. It was the Samaritan, a man despised and without pride of position or parentage, who was faithful and loving and who gave of himself sacrificially.***

Father God, in your mercy, say that it is not too late for me. Another may have borne the burden, but I can go to the inn and sit with the traveler while he heals. I can bathe his wounds and feed him and lighten his spirit until the Good One returns. Grant me the grace to do that little service with a grateful heart; please stand with me so that I will not walk away and shun the greater service the next time. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

Jesus came so that we can know grace; we can grow, serve, and humbly care for our neighbor.

Alleluia, Amen!

Response: ***“Glory Be To The Father”***

Special Music

“Grace Alone” arr. by Mark Hayes

Eileen Mihm

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

*Hymn 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain:

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to
them.***

Refrain

***Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us
and far away.***

Refrain

***These are the ones
we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors
to us and you.***

Refrain

***Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live
like you.***

Refrain

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

(Jenny Child, *Celtic Prayers*, 2008)

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

First Lesson:

Amos 7:7-17

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ”

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

¹⁶ “Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ ¹⁷ Therefore thus says the LORD: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

Second Lesson:

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Sermon

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

by Allan Boesak

We are not called to be fearful,

We are called to love.

We are not called to be perfect,

We are called to be faithful.

We are not called to be fearless,

We are called to be obedient.

We are not called to be all-knowing,

We are called to believe.

We are not called to claim,

We are called to give.

We are not called to be victorious,

We are called to be courageous.

We are not called to lord it over others,

We are called to serve. Amen.

Offertory

“Cortege” by Gordon Young

Eileen Mihm

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

Heavenly Father, you love us with an eternal love, and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to care for our neighbors and further your kingdom. May you, God of all grace, make us holy, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Benediction

Postlude

“Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten” (He who allows dear God to rule him)

by Johann S. Bach

Eileen Mihm