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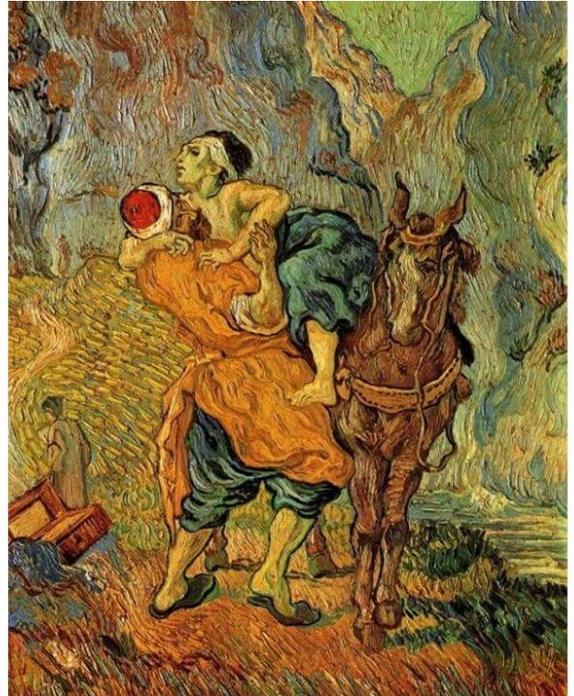
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Virtual Worship Bulletin

“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

– **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

How shall we answer?

We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

How shall we answer?

We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can.

Opening Prayer (*pray together*)

O God, you come to us in unexpected places, in isolation, behind closed doors; on dusty roads, as we go from place to place; in video chats with friends and telephone conversations with loved ones. You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace. You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless. You come bringing us courage when we are afraid. Come and be among us now, in every place where we are. Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen

Hymn

Ubi Caritas
Chancel Choir

Taize

Passing the Peace

Scripture

Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon

“Changing the Narrative”

Pastor Dawn

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession (please pray responsively)

O God, we confess our day-to-day failure to be truly a good neighbor.

We confess that we fail to love extravagantly because we do not fully understand what loving means and because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

We cut ourselves off from those in our communities and around the world and we erect barriers of division.

We confess that by silence and ill-considered word, we have built walls of prejudice.

We confess that we have sought our own security first, and have blamed others for their struggle for security.

We confess that we have denied the reality of the pain of racism, even when it confronts us.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us hear your words of forgiveness, for we are deaf.

Come fill this moment and show us the path of the Samaritan. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

Benediction
