

# WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JULY 19

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

What are the visible signs of compassion in our world? In your neighborhood? In your home? Today's selection from Teresa of Avila – in the Fifth Dwelling Places – reminds us that “love is never idle,” and our Scripture is an example of love poured out in dedication and service to a friend. When have you seen love in action? When have you been part of loving like that? Jot down a few words about it, or find a picture, or an object that evokes a memory of that time, and have it near your worship space for this service.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude – Geoff Clayton, piano**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury**

**Gathering Song: *I Sing As I Arise Today*, NC #83 – Jesse & Worship Team**

*I sing as I arise today! I call on my Creator's might:*

*The will of God to be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight,*

*The word of God to be my speech, the hand of God to be my stay,  
the shield of God to be my strength, the path of God to be my way.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,*

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**Gathering Prayer**

**& Communal Prayer by Jim Burko**

*Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious - not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,*

*putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.*

## **Children's Story – Sean P. Williams**

*Say Something* by Peter H. Reynolds

### **Scripture: Mark 2:1-12a**

*Jesus came back to Capernaum after several days, and word spread that he was home. People began to gather in such great numbers that there was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While Jesus was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived, bringing a paralyzed person. The four who carried the invalid were unable to reach Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof directly above Jesus. When they had made a hole, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed one was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sufferer, "My child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the religious scholars were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does Jesus talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus immediately perceived in his spirit that they reasoned this way among themselves, and said to them, "Why do you harbor such thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed person, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? But so you all may know that the Promised One has authority on earth to forgive sins" - Jesus then turned to the paralyzed person - "I tell you, stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The paralyzed person stood up, picked up the mat, and walked outside in the sight of everyone.*

## **Sermon – "The Busyness of Love"**

### **Journaling/Reflection Time**

**Response Song: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, NC #593 - Jesse and Worship Team**

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
let it resound, loud as the rolling seas.

Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us.  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on 'til victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
God who has brought us this far on the way.  
God, who by your might, led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet, stray from the places, our God, where we met you.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you.  
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – The Dressel Family**

## **Closing Words**

### **Going Forth Song: *Compassion Prayer***

*May we be filled with compassion. May we be filled up, to the top of our hearts.  
When we have the power to make something right, may we show God's love.*

*May we be shown compassion. May we be found in the center of peace.  
When we have needs that others can meet, may we find God's love.*

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## **Benediction**

## Postlude – Jesse Cromer, organ

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