

# WORSHIP GUIDE for JULY 25, 2021

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

As we continue thinking about changing, transforming, emerging, we'll turn our attention this Sunday to the story of Mary of Magdala, a woman who has been the object of much attention, fascination, and imagination throughout Christian history. We'll think about what it means to tell our own stories, and how we are part of (and not) the stories told about us. How are we bound by, and freed from, our own histories? How are the stories of our faith both binding and freeing? Let's think together about all of this. All are welcome, always.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, pianist**

**Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *Gather Us In (Blue Book)* - Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Dave King, Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

Here in this place new light is shining,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,

Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light-years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Christena Cleveland***  
**-Dave King**

Our Father, Mother, who are in the world and surpass the world,  
blessed be your presence, in us, in animals and flowers, in still air and  
wind. May justice and peace dwell among us, as you come to us. Your  
will be our will; You will that we be sisters and brothers and siblings,  
as bread is bread, water is itself, for our hunger, for quenching of  
thirst. Forgive us. We sometimes walk crookedly in the world, are

perverse, and fail our promise. But we would be human, if only you consent to stir up our hearts. Amen.

## **Children's Time - Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

### **Scripture: From the Gospels of Philip & Mary Magdalene**

From the Gospel of Philip:

*There were three who always walked with the Lord: Mary, his mother, and her sister, and Magdalene, the one who was called his companion. His sister and his mother and his companion were each a Mary.*

*And the companion of the [...] Mary Magdalene. [...] loved her more than all the disciples, and used to kiss her often on her mouth. The rest of the disciples [...]. They said to him "Why do you love her more than all of us?"*

From the Gospel of Mary the Magdalene:

*The soul came to the third power, which is called ignorance.*

*The power questioned the soul, saying, "Where are you going? In wickedness are you bound. But you are bound; do not judge!"*

*And the soul said, "Why do you judge me, although I have not judged? I was bound, though I have not bound. I was not recognized. But I have recognized that the All is being dissolved, both the earthly things and the heavenly." When the soul had overcome the third power, it went upwards and saw the fourth power, which took seven forms. The first form is darkness, the second desire, the third ignorance, the fourth is the excitement of death, the fifth is the kingdom of the flesh, the sixth is the foolish wisdom of flesh, the seventh is the wrathful wisdom. These are the seven powers of wrath.*

*They asked the soul, "Whence do you come slayer of men, or where are you going, conqueror of space?"*

*The soul answered and said, “What binds me has been slain, and what turns me about has been overcome, and my desire has been ended, and ignorance has died. In a aeon I was released from a world, and in a Type from a type, and from the fetter of oblivion which is transient. From this time on will I attain to the rest of the time, of the season, of the aeon, in silence.”*

*When Mary had said this, she fell silent, since it was to this point that the Savior had spoken with her.*

*But Andrew answered and said to the brethren, “Say what you wish to say about what she has said. I at least do not believe that the Savior said this. For certainly these teachings are strange ideas.”*

*Peter answered and spoke concerning these same things. He questioned them about the Savior: “Did He really speak privately with a woman and not openly to us? Are we to turn about and all listen to her? Did He prefer her to us?”*

*Then Mary wept and said to Peter, “My brother Peter, what do you think? Do you think that I have thought this up myself in my heart, or that I am lying about the Savior?”*

**Sermon: “From Object to Subject” – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Response Song: *If We are the Body* (Blue Book)**

**– Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

Sometimes I, I just want to close my eyes  
and act like ev’ryone’s alright, when I know they’re not.  
This world needs God, but it’s easier to stand and watch.  
I could say a prayer and just move on, like nothing’s wrong,

But if we are the body why aren’t our arms reaching?  
Why aren’t our hands healing? Why aren’t our words teaching?  
And if we are the body, why aren’t our feet going?

Why is our love not showing them there is a way?

I can hear the least of these, crying out so desp'rately.  
And I know we are the hands and feet of You, oh God.  
So, if You say, "Move," it's time for me to follow through  
and do what I was made to do, and show them who You are.

You love eve'ry lost cause, You reach for the outcast  
for the leper and the lame; they're the reason that You came.  
Lord, I was that lost cause, and I was the outcast,  
but you came for people just like me, a willing servant at Your feet.

'Cause if we are the body why aren't our arms reaching?  
Why aren't our hands healing? Why aren't our words teaching?  
And if we are the body, why aren't our feet going?  
Why is our love not showing them there is a way?

## **Reach of Our Gifts: One Great Hour of Sharing**

### **Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* NC #498**  
**-Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

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

Knelt at the feet of his friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.

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

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
varied in color and race,

neighbors are near and far away.

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

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors we have from you.

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

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

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

### **Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

One: Friends, ...may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

### **Postlude – Geoff Clayton**

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