

Worship Service
**General Commission on the Status and Role
of Women**

Spring 2019 Board Meeting

“Do No Harm”

***Seeking Light, Hope, and
Steadfastness***



Friday, March 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

GATHERING SONG

Draw the Circle Wide

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace **to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life weeps at the plunder of Earth's goodness. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises the growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God deploras violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind and sets the oppressed free. **And so shall we.**

A Parable

(by Rev. Dr. Mark Davies , used with permission)

Response (ALL): **Earth Mother, we will not forget you, we will not forsake you. We will pledge to take care of you, Earth Mother- who hosts all of God's Creation. When we lose our spiritual way we will remember that without you there is no life to engage theological interpretations; without you we have no breath to argue over doctrinal order; without you our bodies will not be nourished by food and water to do the work of justice in this world.**

You are female, and you have been abused. We rise to advocate for you. God our Creator, who lives inside us, who lives inside all living beings, we turn to you to give us strength for the journey. God of love, remind us that ALL of us: Gentile and Jew, Servant and Free, Deaf and Hearing, Woman and Man, Gay and Straight, Black, White, Red and Yellow, and all life situated on the the web of our diverse world, are all connected by the waters of the rivers and oceans; we are connected by the oxygen we breathe from the forests; we are connected by the soil from which our food is harvested. God of diversity, who has created us in your image, draw us closer to our many connections and enrich our appreciation of our differences; when the sun sets, equip us with the strength to do so one more day.

HYMN

Come to Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 42:6-22

SERMON

HYMN

Come to the Water

WATER RITUAL

PRAYER PETITIONS (in 3 languages)

CLOSING HYMN

Malo, Malo, Thanks Be to God

BENEDICTION

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