



**September 12, 2021**

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**Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

**People: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**

Leader: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

**People: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**

Leader: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

**People: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.**

**Lighting of Candles**

**Hymn**

***This Little Light of Mine***

**Blessing of the Fragments--based on *John 6:1-21***

Cup your hands together,  
and you will see the shape  
this blessing wants to take.

Basket, bowl, vessel:

it cannot help but  
hold itself open  
to welcome  
what comes.

This blessing  
knows the secret  
of the fragments  
that find their way  
into its keeping,  
the wholeness  
that may hide  
in what has been  
left behind,

the persistence of plenty  
where there seemed  
only lack.  
Look into the hollows  
of your hands  
and ask  
what wants to be  
gathered there,  
what abundance waits  
among the scraps  
that come to you,  
what feast  
will offer itself  
from the fragments  
that remain.

By Janet Morley

Hymn

***Let My Praise Rise***

sung by Ruth-Noemi Belonni Rosario  
written by Deanna Witkowski

### **Scripture**

Psalm 116:1-9

### **Responsive Confession**

Have mercy on us, O God.

You are the maker of heaven and earth-

**Yet some claim to discover the land**

**While others are pushed aside.**

You are the life of the world-

**Yet some abuse and exploit Your creation**

**While others hunger and thirst.**

Your faithful love endures forever-

**Yet some disregard their promises**

**While others are betrayed.**

Your generosity is without measure-

**Yet some heap up treasure for themselves**

**While others struggle in poverty.**

You offer freedom to all in Your Spirit-

**Yet some enjoy the blessings of liberty**

**While others remain in bondage.**

You walk in beauty and truth-

**Yet some destroy and deceive**

**While others are trampled underfoot.**

Have mercy upon us, O God.  
**Redeem broken promises,  
Bring justice to this land,  
And help us to live in right relationship  
With You and one another;  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Proverbs 1:20-33*

**Prayer of Memorial with Lord's Prayer**

*Remembering those who perished on September 11.*

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Scripture**

*Romans 8:24-27*

*James 3:1-12*

**Sermon**

Pastor Erin

**Hymn**

*It is Well With My Soul*

**Blessing**