



***Changing the world through Christ,
by caring for all people.***

**Traditional Service
October 15, 2017**



Good News for Today's World

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Act-ion Figures

Turning an Upside Down World Right Side Up

October 15, 2017

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

Stewardship is not ownership; rather, it is finding the particular grace or gift God has given me and using it for the good of the household. When I discover how my gift fits in, I am truly at home in the house.

Upper Room Disciplines, October 8, 2017, by Thomas Edward Frank

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS—Adult Mission Trip Recognition

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

CALLED TO ACTION ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Bells of St. Marks

INTROIT

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (8:15)

Johnson and Johnson

Chancel Choir

(Chancel Choir will sing once through, then the congregation is invited to join to sing again, United Methodist Hymnal, no. 519)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (9:45)

Celebration Singers

***CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 51**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

People: **The Lord creates in us clean hearts, and puts new and right spirits within us.**

Leader: We are not cast away from the presence of the Holy One, and the Holy Spirit is not taken from us.

People: In Christ, we are restored to the joy of God's salvation!

Leader: By God's grace, our spirits are remade to follow God's will. Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *United Methodist Hymnal*
(stanzas 1 - 3) No. 384

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, we thank you for your patience. You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us, and have told us to follow our Savior, Christ Jesus. Yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn and sluggish in our efforts. We repent this lack of faith and love, and ask that you deal mercifully with us, and empower our renewed good intentions. Through Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of Jesus Loves Me, #191, as children gather.)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 5:1-10 *New Testament*, p. 122

OFFERING OF MUSIC "Al Shlosha D'Varim" (8:15) Allan Naplan
Translation: *The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.*

"Change My Heart, O God" (9:45) Wilson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60 *New Testament*, pp. 124, 126

MESSAGE "Don't Be Like These People" **Rev. Sharon Ragland**
(Third in the series, *Act-ion Figures, Turning an Upside Down World Right Side Up*)

CALL TO PRAYER "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" *The Faith We Sing*
(stanzas 1, 2) No. 2158

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "My Prayer Rises to Heaven" (8:15)

Dao Kim

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (9:45)

OFFERING

Offertory "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Valeria Stephenson

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *UMH*, No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Gift of Love"

UMH, No 408

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

"Shalom to You"

UMH, No. 666

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**