



February 28, 2021

**HOLY VESSELS: A Season of Recovery  
“Safe Keeping”**

Matthew 8:5-13

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***All Are Welcome!***

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*People gather around Jesus as his reputation  
becomes known from town to town.  
As we gather virtually or physically,  
we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help, and for healing.*

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+ Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

Lawrence Rappoldt

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THRESHOLD

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cheryl Faust

Leader: God of all creation, you created us for each other.

You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another.

**People: Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up.**

**We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity.**

Leader: We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices.

**People: Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness.**

Leader: We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the needs in our own community.

**People: Help us, Healer. Show us our empathy. Forgive our compliance.**

**Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.**

Leader: In this moment of silence,  
we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

+MOMENT OF SILENCE

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Shauna

Leader: The peace of Christ is with you.

**People: And also with you.**

HYMN

***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*** (#277)

Lawrence Rappoldt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

Lawrence Rappoldt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cheryl Faust

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, may they bring healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE—Matthew 8:5-13

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When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

***"Safe Keeping"***

Pastor Shauna

HYMN

***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*** (#557)

Lawrence Rappoldt

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

***Jubilate Deo!***

Lawrence Rappoldt

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### **SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PASTOR  
MUSIC

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge  
Lawrence Rappoldt

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

LITURGIST  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
TECH TEAM

Cheryl Faust  
Pat Moore  
Josh Dwyer  
Terry Moore  
Jamie Ridge

DOOR GREETER  
USHER 1  
USHER 2  
TEMP TAKER  
ATTENDANCE  
FLOATER

Hannah Smith  
Wayne Barrows  
Chuck Moore  
Jennifer Lafferty  
Irene Farra  
Hannah Smith