



March 14, 2021

**HOLY VESSELS: A Season of Recovery**  
**“Different Pictures”**

Matthew 9:18-26

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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.

## WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE

***Wondrous Love***

Handbell Choir

## THRESHOLD

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of All Possibilities, made in your image, you have tasked us as co-creators of a better world. You bestowed imagination and the ability to learn and progress.

**People: But we are tired. Our energy wanes and enthusiasm wanes.**

Leader: The call for ideas, solutions, work-arounds and adaptations has been non-stop for us all – whether we are needing to find ways to keep children engaged and well, or figuring out how to maintain a passion for our work in the midst of trying times, or needing desperately to undo systems of oppression too long affecting our lives and the lives of our neighbors.

**People: Not only our livelihoods, but our liveliness is at stake.**

Leader: Too often we want to give up, declare it all too hard and simply isolate, waiting out the time for better days.

**People: It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.**

**ALL: Help us, Healer. Show us our energy reserves.  
Forgive our cynicism.**

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

Leader: In this moment of silence,

### +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

***Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer*** (#266)

Lawrence Rappoldt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Lawrence Rappoldt

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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 9:27-33

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"<sup>28</sup> When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."<sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you."<sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this."<sup>31</sup> But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.<sup>32</sup> After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him.<sup>33</sup> And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel."<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*"Different Pictures"*

Pastor Shauna

HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (#382)

Lawrence Rappoldt

+BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

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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

Handbell Choir  
Paul Voorhees  
Pat Moore  
Josh Dwyer  
Terry Moore  
Jamie Ridge

DOOR GREETER  
USHER 1  
USHER 2  
TEMP TAKER  
ATTENDANCE  
FLOATER

Hannah Smith  
Wayne Barrows  
Pete Scotti  
Meg Rappoldt  
Wayne Barrows  
Hannah Smith