WORSHIP
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
April 25, 11:00 a.m. – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preparation for Worship
During this season of physical distancing, with the aid of technology we connect in worship.
Though separated by location, all are invited to engage in worship together.

The Light of Presence
The lighting of a candle signifies the holy presence alive in all.

Organ Prelude
Lord of Glory Who Has Bought Us
Arr. Paul Manz

Welcome and Call to Worship
Chalice Overy

We are a people of faith formed by a long tradition of dissent and historic Baptist freedoms. Celebrating this heritage, we seek to cultivate beloved community, claiming our identity within the body of Christ in the world and our solidarity with all creation. We welcome and affirm all persons with full respect to gender, sexual, racial, and ethnic identities. We hold space for all persons with varying abilities, social standing, or economic status. (Alliance of Baptists Covenant)

It is in this spirit and tradition that we offer ourselves in worship.

Hymn of Exclamation
We Are a People on a Journey
FOREVER FORWARD

Prayers
Nancy E. Petty

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer
We lament that over time many of us have contributed to systems of racial, social, economic, and environmental injustice, privileging some while excluding others. As Baptists we confess that we have cherished independence from one another more than responsibility to one another and have allowed systemic injustices to flourish under the banner of individual freedom. We repent and seek transformation. (Alliance of Baptists Covenant)

It is in this spirit and tradition that we pray.

Prayers of the People

Hymn Anthem
Wonderful Words of Life
Philip P. Bliss/Arr. Schultz

Scripture Reading
Luke 14:7-14

Sermon
Plenty Good Room
Paula Clayton Dempsey

Hymn of Response
Commonwealth Is God’s Commandment
RESTORATION

Recognition and Blessing
Sending Forth

Guided by the Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

Make the worship of God central in our life together;
  Hold the earth sacred, practice creation justice, and
  Pursue God’s peace and love;
Nurture spiritual formation and support theological education,
  Develop ministry, ecumenical, and interfaith partnerships, and
  Cultivate relationships of mutual respect and accountability;
Act to dismantle systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, and abusive power,
  Raise prophetic voices for liberation and justice, and
  Work to eradicate poverty in all forms;
Establish spaces of refuge and renewal with those who are wounded,
  Listen to and follow voices that have been silenced, and
  Break down barriers that divide us from each other and creation.
We seek to live in joy, humility, and gratitude, welcoming the realm of God.

(Alliance of Baptists Covenant)

Piano Postlude

Plenty Good Room

Arr. Patti Drennan

Worship Leaders:
Janice Hocutt, Organist/Pianist
  Nancy E. Petty, Pastor
Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor
Congregational Voices
Chancel Choir
Paula Dempsey Clayton, Guest Preacher
Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music

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