



October 16, 2022



Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
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Centering Thoughts

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

—St. Paul (2 Corinthians 3:17 NRSV)

Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

—St. Paul (Galatians 5:1 CEB)

We must be willing to let go of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

—Joseph Campbell

There are times when we stop, we sit still. We listen and breezes from a whole other world begin to whisper.

—James Carroll

If someone isn't what others want them to be, the others become angry. Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own.

—Paulo Coelho



Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Robin Yim

(based on Psalm 146; written by Rev. Robin Yim)

Hallelujah! Come, all of you and praise the Lord
from the depths of your soul.

You who are hungry, come:
for he will give you food.

**You who are locked up and shut away, come:
for God will set you free.**

You who are put down and pressed hard, come:
for he will uphold your cause.

Trust the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them:

**for God is faithful forever,
watching over the foreigner in your midst
and sustaining the vulnerable among you.**

Come, all you and praise the Lord
from the depths of your soul.

Hallelujah!

Hymn: *How Majestic Is Your Name*

TFWS #2023 (x2)

Scripture:

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Freedom in Jesus"

Pastor Lura

Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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Prayer

Pastor Lura

The 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.

Hymn: *My Hope Is Built*

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Closing Blessing

Pastor Lura

Beloved children of God, go into this week to live as the people God created you to be. Walk in the freedom of the Holy Spirit and share with others the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Postlude



Announcements:

~ The Creating Housing Coalition is working to create a community of tiny houses in Albany. These will help low-income people in our town have a place to live. If you wish to donate, you may write a check to the church and note that it is for "housing," or donate through our website at albanymethodist.org.

~ The church Board meets Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

~ Choir practice is each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

~ The Albany United Methodist Foundation meets Wednesday, October 19, at noon in the chapel.

~ New Member Sunday has been postponed to November.

~ While there will be no fall organ concert, we look forward to the Advent organ recitals starting at the end of November.

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~ The church office is open Tue, Wed, Thur: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. ~