

September 25, 2022
 Worship Series: Greater Than
 Possibility > Status Quo

Prelude	<i>Good, Good Father</i>	
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Opening Song	<i>Forever</i>	
Opening Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray. People: Lord Jesus, we have heard Your promise that we will do great things, yet we sometimes settle for the status quo. We come today to hear Your word, pray with expectation and open ourselves to Your spirit's direction. Prepare us to do greater things in Your name. AMEN.		
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Prayers of the People		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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.		
Offering Song	<i>Hallelujah</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		

Gospel Reading John 14:11-14 Kathy Henry

Song *Shout to the Lord*

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Reception of New Member Cavel Russell

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Cavel with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to eternal life.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For you have washed away our sins,
and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
we may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever. AMEN.

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Cavel to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

People: We give thanks for all God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Closing Song

Your Grace is Enough

Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Forever (Reprise)