

Focus Statement: *Salvation/Saved* - While in popular Christian language “being saved” has often referred to “accepting Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior,” Biblical language of “salvation” and “saving” also refers to being kept safe, rescue, healing, restoration, deliverance, being set free, and more. It is both personal and communal. Spiritual salvation, rooted in the generous grace of God, contains paradox and partnership. It is a present reality and a future promise.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98

Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer

Our salvation and honor come from God alone.

**We wait quietly before God,
for God is our Hope, our Rock and our Salvation.**

O my people, trust God at all times.

Pour out your heart, for God is our refuge.

**We wait quietly before God,
for God is our Hope, our Rock and our Salvation.**

From the greatest to the lowliest—all are nothing in God’s sight.
If you weigh them on the scales, they are lighter than a puff of air.

**We wait quietly before God,
for God is our Hope, our Rock and our Salvation.**

Don’t try to get rich by extortion or robbery.

And if your wealth increases, don’t make it the center
of your life.

**We wait quietly before God,
for God is our Hope, our Rock and our Salvation.**

God has spoken plainly—we have heard it many times.

Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord,
is yours.

**We wait quietly before God,
for God is our Hope, our Rock and our Salvation.**

Singing *Be Thou My Vision* VT 549

Salvation Belongs to our God

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing VT 555

Offering and Offertory

Children’s Time *Let the Children Come to Me* VT 512

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

Message Why We Can’t Talk about Jesus
without Talking about Salvation

Response Time *There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy* VT 156

As you reflect on this service and any baggage you carry connected to concepts like “Salvation” and “Saved”, what seems important to keep carrying with you? What do you want to work at letting go of?

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* VT 170

Sending Words

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,
bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love,
bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,
bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.
(Jan Richardson)

Participants:

Worship Leader

Teresa Sherrill

Music Leaders

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Prelude

Lucy & Maria Yoder

Scripture Readers

Ken/Sheril Mullet, Silas Immanuel

Children's Time

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Message

Naomi Yoder

Congregational Prayer

Naomi Yoder

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