

August 30, 2020    Honest Faith Sunday    9:45 AM

## PRELUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*More Precious Than Silver*  
By Lynn DeShazo

Welcome by Pastor Kel Henderson

## CALL TO WORSHIP    led by Dan Griset & Brenda Rowen

One: Today is a special day in the journey of our lives. God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting. Let us listen, for the Eternal One speaks with Truth.

Many: **We open our hearts and minds and spirits to receive what Goddess has for us during this long summer season in order to help our spirit grow.**

One: Through heat and fire, safe distancing and isolation, Goddess still gathers us in a covenant. Let us be quick to respond to the invitation to life in the Spirit.

Many: **We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit as we search for a true vision to claim our souls. May our hearts be opened to a Gospel of Good News.**

One: We gather as church to share in the wisdom of Jesus, seeking spiritual transformation and empowerment.

Prayer (unison):    led by Malia Cary

**Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we open ourselves to Your strength and vision. As the church has acted in times past to save Your people, may we act now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Lift us to the heights of faith and action in this time of worship. Amen.**

OPENING SONG    *I Am the Light of the World*

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

## MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kel Henderson

### Lord's Prayer, Gnostic Version

**Our Father and Mother God, You are within us all, and You make all things holy and united, as You are holy and united, one God living and true. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, which is love to all that lives in the heavens and on the earth. Give us this day our daily bread, and let us give our daily bread to those who have none; and heal our broken spirits, as we heal and forgive others. And lead us, through the darkness of Your mystical love, to the light of the Christ, Amen**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
*Classical Gas*  
By Mason Williams

## SCRIPTURE READING

by Malia Cary

### Matthew 21:23-27

When Jesus entered the temple and began to teach, the chief priests and elders of the people came and asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. 25 Where did John get authority to baptize, from heaven or from humans? They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe John?' 26 But we can't say 'from humans' for fear of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." 27 They replied, "We don't know." Then Jesus said. "Neither will I tell you by what authority I have to do these things.

### A Fifth Principle of Progressive Christianity

*We find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning with an open mind and open heart, than in absolutes or dogma.*

**MESSAGE**

*Informed Faith*

Pastor Mike

**DISCIPLESHIP SONG** *A Wilderness Wandering People*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

by Mae Parrett

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**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Kel Henderson

**CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

**POSTLUDE**

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

*Fields of Gold*

By G. M. Sumner