

Lancaster Theological Seminary

# Service of Word and Sacrament

January 16 and 19, 2019

“Do not fear, for I  
have redeemed you.”



# Gathering as the Body of Christ.

## Centering Song: “You Are Mine,” De Angelis/Marcucci

I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

[Chorus]

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name

[Chorus]

I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain

Stand up, now, walk, and live

[Chorus]

## Greeting

“This series of services integrates Hebrew and American Sign languages. We cherish and embrace diversity within and beyond our community through the sounds and expressions of multiple cultures and means of communication.

Parenthetical translations are provided to be read but not spoken.

One	[SIGN “bless.”]	Baruch Ata Adonai.	(Blessed are You, Lord.)
		[Bah-ROO*hk* ah-TAH ah-DOH-nai]	
Many	[SIGN “bless.”]	Baruch Ata.	(Blessed are You.)
		[Bah-ROO*hk* ah-TAH]	

## Call to Worship

One	O Holy Architect, who formed all creation, help us to be aware of Your constant loving presence around us in the witness of the magnificence of the beautiful world through which You have blessed us. May we know Your embrace in a gentle breeze, in the sweet sound of a babbling brook, and in the warmth of the sun upon our face. And in all these blessed experiences may we delight in knowing we are precious in Your sight.
Many	Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: “How Firm A Foundation,” NCH 407**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession**

Many	Creator God, Protector God, giver of life, you have spoken through law, prophets, the Holy Spirit, and your Son, Jesus Christ, throughout our history proclaiming your steadfastness. Yet, we struggle in unbelief, desperately seeking impermanent deliverance in our times of trial,
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trusting in empty schemes, ever deceived by our circumstances,  
ever lacking in perspective and charity.  
We confess there is no salvation but through you O God,  
the True source of our comfort, our hope, our daily bread.

### **\*Assurance of Blessing**

One Children of God,  
Thus says the Holy Parent:  
“Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.”  
This is the good news!  
Many I belong to God! Amen!

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One Peace be with you!  
Many And also with you!

### **Poem**

“Savior” by Maya Angelou explores the dark side of religion, while reflecting on the ever-pure love of the Christian savior.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

# Service of the Word

**Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Sermon: Dr. Julia O’Brien**

### **Prayers of the Community**

One Ever living and ever loving God,  
We praise you for your loving presence with us.  
Many Come, Holy Spirit,  
One take and transform our societies—  
that broken people find healing;

that lonely people find love;  
that bitter people find peace;  
that fearful people find hope.

**Many** Come, Holy Spirit,  
**remove what hinders us from loving each other –  
matters of status, race, class, ability, gender, sexuality orientation,  
theology, or political affiliation.**  
**We are all your reflection; remind us of this truth.**

**One** Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill your church—  
that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;  
that prayers will change our minds  
instead of trying to get you to change yours;  
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

**Many** Come, Holy Spirit,  
**fill our lives with your presence—  
so that more and more every day,  
all that we do and say and hope  
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Service of the Table

### Offertory

**Offertory Song: “God of Many Names,” UMH 105**

### **\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**One** The Lord be with you.  
**Many** And also with you.  
**One** Lift up your hearts.  
**Many** We lift them up to the Lord.  
**One** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
**One** It is truly right and our greatest joy...  
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Many** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**One** You are holy, O God of majesty,...  
...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Many** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

**One** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
...with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

**Many** Amen.

**One** The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread...  
... Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving  
death of the risen Lord, until he comes

## **Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Song: “One Bread, One Body,” UMH 620**

# Going Forth as the Body of Christ

## **\*Prayer After Communion**

Many            Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity  
                    of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We  
                    ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Closing Song: “In Christ There Is No East or West,” NCH 394**

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Dismissal**

One            Go in peace and live boldly in the Spirit!  
Many            Thanks be to God.

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**Assurance of Pardon:** United Church of Christ, “Baptism of Christ—Epiphany 1—January 10,” *Worship Ways*, Accessed June 6, 2018, [http://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways).

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To serve the universal church of our Creator.

To minister to the unique and diverse needs of the seminary community.

To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference, and challenges the normative.