



*"No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."*



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"Who is a Holy Rascal?"

WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev Jermell Witherspoon

August 2, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GATHERING SONG:

"Chainbreaker" (insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in a world that teaches us to conform, to settle,
and to call injustice "normal."

People: Yet God calls us beyond what is normal and into what is holy.

Leader: We come carrying questions, burdens, and hope for a more loving world.

People: We come ready to be transformed by the Spirit.

Leader: Christ walks with those who challenge oppression, who make room for the forgotten,
and who dare to imagine another way.

People: We will follow the Way of love, even when that way is difficult.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who continues to make all things new.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Shared Singing: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(A CORPORATE TIME OF COMMUNAL PRAYER, FEEL FREE TO NAME PRAYERS OR UPLIFT PRAISE)

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our Prayer. (SPEAK THIS AFTER EACH PRAYER GIVEN)

LORD’S PRAYER

Prayer Response: “Filled With Loving Kindness” (insert)

INVITATION TO SHARE

(A TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS; IF NONE ARE SPOKEN, PLEASE SEE THE PROGRAM
FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS.)

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Panis Angelicus”, Text Thomas Aquinas, Music C. Franck)
Performed by Anita Shaffer, Laura Cook and Peggy Rich
Sam Peters on Keyboard

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:15–17 (NKJV)

Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the transgressor is hard. Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool lays open his folly. A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful ambassador brings health.

SERMON:

“HOLY TRANSGRESSION”

(Rev Jermell Witherspoon)

CONVERSATION

1.Throughout Scripture, the prophets, Jesus, and so many faithful people disrupted systems that harmed others. Where do you see God inviting Admiral Church to lovingly “transgress” traditions or systems that no longer reflect Christ's justice and welcome?

2.Jesus said, “I am the Way.” If following Jesus means more than simply obeying rules, what practices or ways of living help us become faithful ambassadors of healing, justice, and love in our community?

HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION

“This is not the table of perfection. It is the table of grace.
Jesus continually crossed lines others refused to cross. He ate with those society rejected, honored that religion dismissed, and reminded the world that God's welcome is always larger than our assumptions. So today we come, not because we have figured everything out, but because Christ continues to invite us into a new way of living. There is room here for the weary. Room for the questioning. Room for those becoming. Room for all. This is Christ's table. All are welcome.”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARED SINGING: *“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”*, NCH 331

POSTLUDE

(A TIME OF INTENTIONAL MUSIC, CENTERING US IN WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED.)

BENEDICTION

Go now remembering that the easiest path is not always the holiest one. Go with courage to question what diminishes life. Go with compassion to make room for those the world leaves behind. Go with hope, believing that another way is possible. And as you follow Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, may you become a faithful ambassador of healing, a seeker of justice, a builder of beloved community, and a witness to God's liberating love. In the name of the Creator, the Christ who transgressed every boundary for love, and the Holy Spirit who continues to make all things new. Amen.