POPLAR SANCTUARY

Sunday, January 21, 2024
"Unwrapped: Gifted To Do Good"
Dr. Deborah Suddarth

GREETING Dr. Sarah Harper

PRELUDE "More Love to Thee" arr. Wagner

Wayne Warren, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Andrew Harper

Leader: Give thanks to God!

All: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.

L: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

A: Let us offer our lives in service to others.

L: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

A: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world. AMEN.

+WORSHIP SONG "This is Amazing Grace"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (885) Dr. S. Harper

"A Modern Affirmation"

+GLORIA PATRI (70) "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Dr. Joey Reed

CONGREGATIONAL & LORD'S PRAYER (895)

+HYMN (400) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mrs. Melissa Brasher

+HYMN (365) "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT Resource Redistribution Ministry Dr. Reed

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "It is Well with My Soul"

Chancel Choir

+DOXOLOGY (95) Dr. Reed

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+GOSPEL LESSON Eph. 2:1-10 & James 2:14-17, 26 Miss Elise Sutton

SERMON "Gifted To Do Good" Dr. Deborah Suddarth



INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+WORSHIP SONG "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

BENEDICTION Dr. Suddarth

+SONG OF BLESSING Nelson/Tooley

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

+POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation"

Wayne Warren, organ

arr. Hayes

+ Those who are able, please stand.

HOSPITAL:

Baby Penny Zimmerman, newborn daughter of Becky & Kyle Zimmerman - Lebonhuer Step Down Unit

Terry Ingram, Baptist Memphis (no visitors)

HOSPICE:

Brenda Robinson, Schilling Gardens Lucille Galloway, Baptist Hospice Michelle (Mickey) Salmon, Home If you need to speak with a pastor due to an emergency, please call the pastor on call number 901-471-6630.

WORKS OF PIETY:

Individual Practices - reading, meditating and studying the scriptures, prayer, fasting, regularly attending worship, healthy living, and sharing our faith with others.

Communal Practices – regularly share in the sacraments, Christian conferencing (accountability to one another), and Bible study.

WORKS OF MERCY:

Individual Practices - doing good works, visiting the sick, visiting those in prison, feeding the hungry, and giving generously to the needs of others.

Communal Practices - seeking justice, ending oppression and discrimination (for instance Wesley challenged Methodists to end slavery), and addressing the needs of the poor.

To see source: colliervilleumc.org/grace

FAITH REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- How do you explain that we did not "earn" our salvation but we must now live out our faith?
- How do you practice works of piety and works of mercy?
- What works of piety and mercy can you begin to do more of, how and why?