

Sermon

**“When Less Is More”
Mark 12:41-44**

Rev. Ann Hayman

Words of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

1. We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

2. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

3. We believe

- **that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

- **that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**

- **that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**

- **that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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The Offering

The Call to Giving (Acts 20:35)

The Offertory

+Doxology

“What Shall I Render?”

Leigh Lehman

Music Ministry

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Leigh Lehman

Announcements

Leigh Lehman

+Closing Hymn

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

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+Benediction

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May we leave this house of worship emboldened by the Spirit

redeemed by God’s Grace and reminded that the Body of Christ surrounds us to for fellowship, help and support.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of the God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. **Amen.**

Postlude

“If We Never Pass This Way Again”

Music Ministry