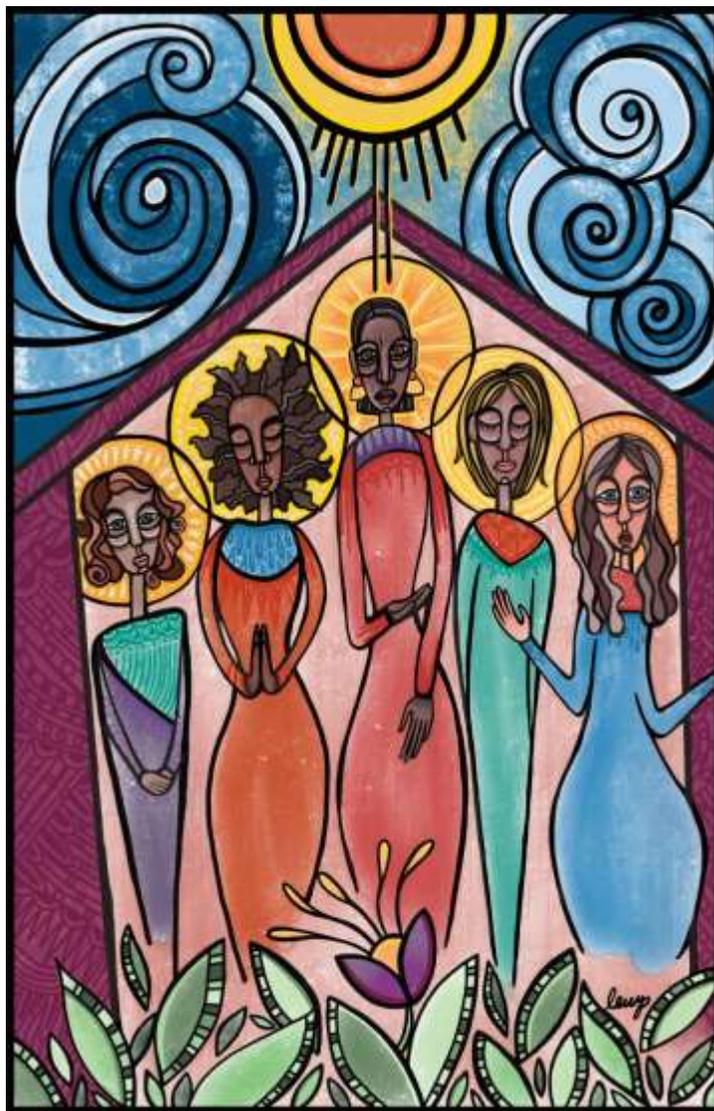




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The Daughters of Zelophehad

God of the unseen and the unheard, breathe the winds of change into our worn-out laws so that all might have a fair chance at a full life. Amen.



**A just law is a man-made code that squares
with the moral law or the law of God.**

~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~

Prelude

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August Durand

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

Faces of Mission

Camp Krislund

Introit #243

Be Not Afraid
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
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BE NOT AFRAID

Opening Prayer

Hymn #254

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

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*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.*

*From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.*

We Love to Tell the Story

Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints, D. Akers

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Second Lesson

Numbers 27:1-11

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hopher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers." Moses brought their case before the LORD. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: The

daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses."

The story of God for the people of God... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Faces of Our Faith
Daughters of Zelophehad*

Reverend Kathryn Z. Johnston

Hymn #481

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

*I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;
and in Jesus Christ the son, Only Savior, sovereign one,
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.*

*Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.
From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies;
now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.*

*I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
Flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

In your mercy Lord... **hear our prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

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Jacques-Louis Battman

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.*

*Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

Charge & Benediction

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