**Acts 11: 1-18**

*The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.* ***2****So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him* ***3****and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”*

***4****Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:* ***5****“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.* ***6****I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds.* ***7****Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’*

***8****“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’*

***9****“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’* ***10****This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.*

***11****“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying.* ***12****The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.* ***13****He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.* ***14****He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’*

***15****“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.* ***16****Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized withwater, but you will be baptized withthe Holy Spirit.’* ***17****So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”*

***18****When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”*

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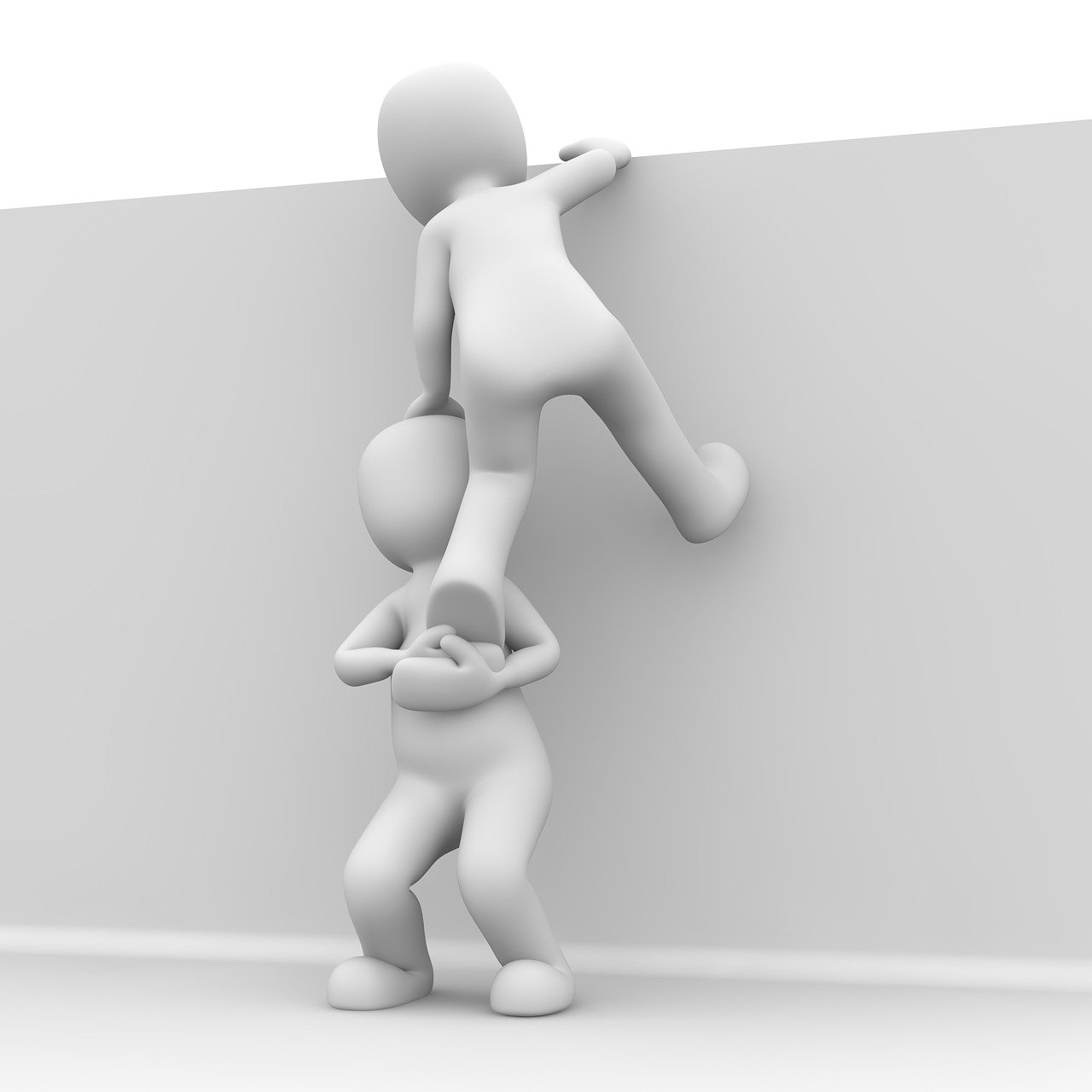
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***We Respond***

**Respond in Music** … Kimari Spangler

**Celebration of Giving**

**Giving Prayer**

The love of God, offered to us, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity, can make us better. Let us rejoice in this Good News of our Lord. Let us live into this promise of God. Let us tell our story to others. Let us offer our love and our resources to one another, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity. AMEN.

**Affirm Our Faith** (Mark 12: 28-31) ***28****“…Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”* ***29****“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.****30****Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’****31****The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

***We Tell the Good News***

**Go in Peace** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

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**Our Prayer List Jon Barton, Jim Slaughter, Joe Loving, Jr, Thom Witting, Gabriela Rangel, Geri Tankersly, Rhonda Hale, Lucy Glymph, Frederick Bolden**

**We count it a joy that you shared with us today!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you,**

**May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,**

**May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…**

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***We Gather***

**Gather in Song** … Kimari Spangler (2)

**Scripture** … John 13: 34-35 … Brooke Stephens ***34****“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* ***35****By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**Greetings/Call to Worship** (from C. A. Riley)… Nickey Wright As we gather as one body and one breath, let us inhale: *God is alive*; let us exhale: *God’s breath is freedom.*

As we share with one another and lift one another, let us inhale: *liberation comes in a body*; let us exhale: *I will honor mine*.

As we come to worship and praise the Lord, let us inhale: *there is hope in you*; let us exhale: *Thank you, Hallelujah and AMEN*.

***We Call Upon the Lord***

**Invitation in Music** … Kimari Spangler

**Prayers of the People** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**The Lord’s Prayer**… *Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Kimari Spangler

**Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*

***We Share God’s Word***

**Scripture Reading** … Acts 11: 1-18 … Michael Blankenship

**Reflect in Song** … Joyce Bolden

**Sermon** … I Know Somebody … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr