

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

A House for All Peoples | Isaiah 56:3-8

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,

“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”;

and let not the eunuch say,

“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,

who choose the things that please me

and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls

a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name

that shall not be cut off.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,

and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,

and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer

for all peoples.”

8 The Lord God,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,

“I will gather yet others to him

besides those already gathered.”

Personal Reflection Question

Question: In Isaiah’s prophetic image, what excites, challenges, or intrigues you?

Notes

Family Business

This Week

Tuesday 1/17 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Called Session Meeting to approve the budget/Room

014 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Men’s Tuesday Night Study Group/Room 015

Wednesday 1/18 - 10:00 am MOPS Morning Program bring kids and get settled. Childcare

until noon. Nursery 114 or 116. 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Con-

ference Room 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Annual Leadership Summit and dinner/North Atrium

6:00 pm -7:30 pm Evening MOPS. 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room

Sun. Jan 22 - 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Annual Congregational Meeting.

Upcoming

Thursday 1/19 - 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting/Chapel

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm International Fellowship Chop Day/Kitchen

Friday 1/20 - 2:00 noon to 2:00 pm Women’s Table Talk/Chapel

Tuesday 1/24 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Abigail Mary Martha Circle Meeting/Room 114

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Session Meeting/Conference Room

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Men’s Tuesday Night Study Group/Room 015

Wednesday 1/25 - 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room

Thursday 1/26 - 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting/Chapel

Friday 1/27 - 2:00 noon to 2:00 pm Women’s Table Talk/Chapel

Tuesday 1/31 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Library Committee Meeting/Library

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Men’s Tuesday Night Study Group/Room 015

Sundays at 9:45am. we have classes for all ages to encourage our growth as disciples. Classes start again on January 8th. You are welcome to join anytime! Here are the options for our Adult classes:

Ancient Discipleship

The first generations of Christians developed a training manual for mentors to use with new

Christian converts to help them understand the way of Jesus and how to live it out in their

everyday settings. Steeped in the teachings of Jesus, this short training manual (called The Di-

dache) can give us a fresh understanding of the vitality of Jesus’ teachings and the importance

of apprenticeship in the life of today’s Christians. Led by Rev. Don Everts.

Hosted in the McClung Class (Room 026/Reception Room).

Gospel of Luke: From the Outside In

This study will focus on the Gospel of Luke, which is a stunning portrait of Jesus,

the Son of God. Luke believes his book is the most important narrative we could ever

read and invites his readers to witness His life, death, and resurrection and be transformed as a

result. This is a book that presents the reader with an accurate account of

Jesus but also a pathway to get to know Him personally.

Hosted in the March Fellowship Class (Room 015).

The Minor Prophets

This class will be looking at the books Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah,

and Malachi. Books of prophecy relate not only to the Ancient Israelite but

also to believers today with themes like God’s promises, His return, injustice, obedience,

repentance, and grace.

Hosted in the Little-Bacon Class (Room 020).

Proverbs and Psalms

This study looks at wisdom, the impact of words, and righteousness vs. wickedness in the

proverbs. Starting in February, this class will be studying Psalms, songs of praise to God, our

creator, sustainer, and redeemer. We are grateful to God for His concern, help, and mercy in

times of trouble.

Hosted in the 49ers Class (Room 115).

Visit the First & Calvary website for more information on each of the above events by

going to <https://www.firstandcalvary.org>

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

JANUARY 15, 2023



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Liturgical Service

Prelude | Hayden Pyle

*Call to Worship | Gracie Bauer

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—
outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and new-comers,
the young, old and the in-between.

Come as you are,
for this is God’s house—a house of prayer for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.

O magnify the LORD with me!

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

*Hymn 77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Music: Erneuernten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christian, be at peace and know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Scripture

Isaiah 56:3-8

See Early Service Panel for text

Anthem | Camerata

Prayer For Unity

Words: Cento; Music: Jeffrey H. Rickard

Based on the theme from Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

This is my song, O God of all the nations.

A song of peace for lands afar and mine;

This is my home, the country where my heart is;

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating

With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

We are created children of God’s love,

Sisters and brothers of God’s own dear son;

Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove

Into our hearts, that we may be as one:

As one with you, to whom ewe ever tend;

As one with Christ, our brother and our friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,

One in our love of all things true and fair,

One with our joy that breaks forth into song,

One with our pain that quiets into prayer,

One in the power that makes your children free

To follow truth , and serve you faithfully.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:

Your kingdom come, on earth your will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn to live as one.

O heart my prayer, great God of all the nations:

Myself I give; now let your will be done.

Time for Children | Don Everts

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Sermon

A House for All Peoples

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Chancel Choir

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

African American Spiritual

Arranged, with additional lyrics by Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk hand in hand through the promised land.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

All the sorrows and tears will be gone.

All the sorrows and tears will be gone.

We shall walk hand in hand through the promised land.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There’ll be laughter and joy everywhere.

There’ll be laughter and joy everywhere.

We shall walk hand in hand through the promised land.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

*Hymn 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn 697

In Christ There Is No East or West v 1-3

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

*Benediction & Benediction Response

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Postlude

Notes