

THE NOON SERVICE

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WELCOME

Community responses are in bold.

GATHERING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“Spirit, Still my Body” by Charles Murphy

Spirit, still my body
Spirit, wake my soul
I can't tame tomorrow
Now need be my goal

Spirit, still my body
Spirit, wake my soul!
Steep me in the present,
the rest God will control

OPENING PRAYER

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

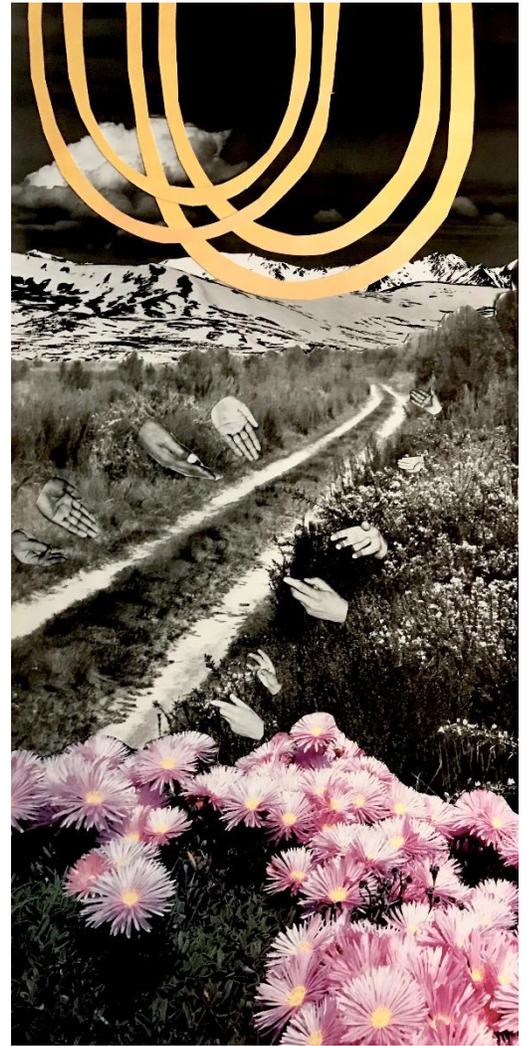
You can find the readings insert of your bulletin.

A Reading from the Book of Malachi (4:1-2a)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (98)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.



9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from 2 Thessalonians (3:6-13)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *(Please stand, if you are able, for the singing of Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel)*

The Gospel According to Luke (21:5-19)

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of Christ, Holy One in our midst. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Please be seated after the reading. Now, a brief reflection is offered and all are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgment. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (rather than react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Seek to befriend the silence between spoken words. If we disagree: may we disagree gracefully; may we be challenged and yet inspired; may we be uncomfortable and yet awakened; and may the Spirit guide us.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Officiant: Let us pray for the church and for the world:

Lord God, Creator of all, in your wisdom, you have bound us together so that we must depend on others for what we eat, the resources we use, the gifts of your creation that bring life, health, and joy.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the hands that sew our clothes so that we do not have to go naked; sacred be the hands that build our homes so that we do not have to be cold; blessed are the hands that work the land so that we do not have to go hungry.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the feet of all who labor so that we might have rest; sacred be the feet of all who run swiftly to stand with the oppressed; blessed be the feet of all whose bodies are too broken and weary to stand.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the sound of children laughing to take away our sorrow; sacred be the sound of the water falling to take away our thirst; blessed be the sound of your people singing to heal our troubled hearts.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Officiant: We pray specifically for those in our community who have requested prayer. We pray for [...]. We also invite this community to name anyone they are holding in prayer this week... (silently or aloud).

All: Holy be the bodies of those who hunger; sacred be the bodies of those who are broken; blessed be the bodies of those who suffer. In Your mercy and grace, O Christ, soften our callous hearts and fill us with gratitude for all the gifts you have given us, today. In your love, break down the walls that separate us and guide us along your path of peace, that we might humbly live in you. Amen

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tradition of our ancient faith, and as a prophetic practice for our bodies and for the world, we offer peace and reconciliation to each other as we prepare to break bread together. You are invited to shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or something similar.

It is not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the very peace of the Lord Jesus Christ that is with us now. Let us share it with each other... The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

TIME of OFFERING and SONG

By this practice, we embody a creative and collective economic practice in our community. The basket will be passed but it is already filled. If you need money, know someone who does or want to go find someone who does, please take some. The invitation is to give OR receive. If you do put cash in, know that it will be in this basket for someone who needs it.

"When the Walls Come Crashing Down" by Samuel Lockridge

**As the wind does whisper once again
into our willing ears,
a voice speaks soft, "the hour is near
when the walls come crashing down."**

**When the earth is red, and sea is black,
and sky has all but vanished,
a single seed will choke our greed
when the walls come crashing down.**

**If trees should bear their fruit no more
and bears cease to find honey,**

**you cannot eat or drink your money
When the walls come crashing down.**

**When kings and paper gods are slain,
laid to rest in salted ground,
O, how we'll dance to that thund'rous sound
when the walls come crashing down.**

**Though many are the nights we've cried,
the sun comes in the morning.
So have no fear of the wild, my dear,
when the walls come crashing down.**

THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand to sing the Doxology)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise (Father/Mother), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the universe, you speak in the darkness, bringing song out of silence, dance out of stillness, life out of death. It is your life that fills us now. Sustainer of the covenant, you send us messengers to give voice to your radical and constant love. You speak through hungry women, outcast men, the poor and impure. You choose what is despised to make us whole. A homeless girl bears Jesus, your blessing, who turns the whole world upside down. He transforms the temple, laughs at the powerful, kisses sinners, and heals the unclean. He breaks open the prisons, frees slaves, feasts with the starving, and breaks bread with strangers. Loving each body as God's own, he teaches us to walk in the way of compassion. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice in the eternal song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

On the night before his friends betrayed him and his enemies took him away to be killed, Jesus shared supper with them all. He took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me."

All: Life-giving Mother, you raised Jesus in glory from the tomb.

Now show us his body alive in all people.

Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine;

make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus.

Open our hearts to your Spirit enlivening us.

Heal us, inspire us, and give us your power,

so we may live as Jesus lives and love as Jesus loves.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,**

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit.

It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.
These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

BREAKING of the BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread. *(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION and SONG

All are welcome to this table, for real, we mean everyone! The gifts of God are free and for you. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available-just ask.

**I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.**

Refrain:

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you
may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance,
said he***

"Lord of the Dance" by Sydney Carter

**I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John
They came with me
And the Dance went on. *(Refrain)***

**I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die. *(Refrain)***

**I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance,
And I still go on. . *(Refrain)***

**They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
*(Refrain)***

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

**All: God of hope, in you the future is always bigger than the past.
Visit your children when the sound of their weeping is heard in your cities;
Comfort your people when violence toward each other and the earth seem to shape everything.
Strengthen those who build houses and plant vineyards even still.
and inspire all who strive to restore communities in conflict or disaster.
Give endurance to those who are hated and betrayed,
Until the time when all of heaven and earth are made new.**

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *(Please stand.)*

"Put Your Roots Down" by Thrive Choir

Put your roots down

put your feet on the ground
you can hear the earth sing if you listen

'Cause the- sound of the river
as it moves across the stones

is the- same sound as the blood in your body
as it moves across your bones

Are ya listenin'?
Are ya listenin'?

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve world! **Amen!**

Please join us for lunch directly following the service!



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