

Order of Worship
October 9, 2022

Gathering Music

Let's Walk Together

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know
God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome to this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, {Refrain}

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!

Crying welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know
God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome to this place.

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship (Psalm 111)

L: Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give
thanks to the Lord our God. Great are the works of God, full of glory and
majesty.

C: Our God is gracious and compassionate; our God is merciful and forgiving, our God is faithful and trustworthy, our God is just and good.

L: So come, let us worship God together.

Hymn

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

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1 There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

3 There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8,9) In humility and faith let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Jesus, we need you today. We need you to see us. We need you to recognize the real us. You know our faults and our failures. You know the things we did that we wish we had not done and the things we neglected to do that may have lightened the load for another. See us as we are. And then, Jesus, we cry out to you “have mercy on us”. As we pray for your mercy, hear now the silent confessions of our own hearts. (time of silent prayer). Jesus, you hear us and you see us. You hear what we are willing to say out loud and the prayers that we hold in our hearts too afraid to let anyone else know. You see and hear and you love us still. Have mercy on us, Loving Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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Like the ones who were healed, we have a choice. We can return to Jesus and say thank you for the gift we have been given or not. The good news I share with you is this-you are a beloved child of God who is seen and heard and forgiven. The mercy of Jesus has been poured out upon you. And now, it is your time to decide how you will respond to that gift. Using the example of the one leper who returned, you too can lead a life steeped in thanksgiving and gratitude for God’s love and forgiveness in your life.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A Reading from Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Liturgist

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19

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Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy[a] met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Sermon

"Give Thanks"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (*A Trinitarian Creed*)

Rev. Barbara Macfie

We believe in one God, who gave birth to the cosmos and to us, creating, out of nothing but God's own will, a world of rocks, plants and human longing; whose eyes will not fail to cry for it all. We believe in one God, who redeems the waste of all things good, weaving, from the griefs of our freedom, new and unhopd-for things; whose mercy will not fail to heal it all. We believe in one God, who lives among all people in all places, calling us from our despair and sleep to live out Easter in our generation; whose love will not fail to hold us all.

(Sophie Churchill, from 'Dare to Dream': A Prayer & Worship Anthology from Around the World.)

**Prayers of the People and
The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Invitation to the Offertory

Liturgist

When the leper ran back to thank Jesus for healing, new life, and fresh possibilities, Jesus was amazed and moved that a Samaritan would come to a Jew and give heartfelt thanks. Jesus sent this man on his way with blessings, for he saw that healing had permeated this man. He was whole through and through. We too have known the healing and saving God in

our lives, and we will know this God yet again. So let our offering today be our thanksgiving for the mercy and goodness and ever-faithfulness of God.

Offertory

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God. As we seek to endure life's struggles, as we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives—the very places you teach us to look for your freeing presence—teach us to trust that you are always there. May these gifts be sent into our community and into the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. Amen.

Hymn.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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*God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

*Bind to myself the name of Holy
Great cloud of witnesses enfold
Prophets, apostles, angels witness*

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight

Flashing of lightning, strength of wind

Depth of the sea to soil of planet

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Walking behind to hem my journey

Going ahead to light my way

And from beneath, above, and all ways

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Christ in the eyes of all who see me

Christ in the ears who hear my voice

Christ in the hearts of all who know me

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Benediction

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Postlude

Steve Johnson