

June 28, 2020 ~ A Service of Lament

PRELUDE: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", Charles Converse/arr. Larry Schackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

GATHERING SONG: No. 851 – "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"

Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come in from the night.

It is a new day, and this is where love lives.

Take off your coat, let the weight fall off your shoulders;

For here, you are known. Here, you are loved.

Come in from the rain.

We can do anything together. We can survive together.

When the world unravels from under your feet—come in.

Come in.

Come in.

God is here. You are home. You will never be alone.

Let us worship the God who weaves us together. Amen.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 806 – "I'll Praise My Maker"

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train;
whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
and none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the parentless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

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ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

Holy God,

We have been angry because we see suffering and we don't understand.

We have been skeptical because we know heartbreak that doesn't seem fair.

We have withheld love because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.

Forgive us for forgetting that you created the heavens and the earth.

Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.

Forgive us for thinking that we know everything.

When the world falls apart around us—

When love unravels and life slowly fails—

Draw us in.

Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life. Forgive us for forgetting that.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 57 – “Tremble, O Tremble” v. 5

Tremble, O tremble!
Our God forgives, and yet our sin must be set right at last.
O Holy One!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 28:12-28

SERMON: “When Everything Falls Apart”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 795 – “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain:
Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.
I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God’s holy narrative.
And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to
disregard anyone as scrap.
I believe God has woven part of God’s self into the fiber of our being,
making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.
I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God’s handiwork to remind me of love.
I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics, She is
designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God’s creation.
And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God’s hand, to tell me of love, And to invite me
into a new journey.
Amen.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: - No. 692 – “Spirit, Open My Heart” - refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: No. 840 – “When Peace Like a River”

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 291 – “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

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