

Scriptural Meditation

"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:23

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Choral Introit

A Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter (b.1945)

Nate Thomas, Conductor

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
 Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.
 Deep peace of Christ to you. [Text adapted from an old Gaelic rune]

Call to Worship

One: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

All: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

One: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

All: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

One: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

All: Praise be to God. Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Song

Let Us Build a House/All are Welcome

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* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and our fears. We get bound up by chains of rumors and mistrust. We are like the disciples who wondered and who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with the light of Your love and mercy. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Wherever you are, Christ is with you.

You are beloved of God and God's care will always surround you.

Be at peace and rejoice! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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.**

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God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: God of light and life, shine upon us with your wisdom and truth. Open our hearts to listen eagerly and to love generously. As you teach us, so may we live in your world as lights shining with your glory. May we be like trees of life, offering healing to a world in need. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67 (A Version for Today)

One: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us;

**All: let your creative radiance light our way
 and warm our inmost being.**

One: As your ways are made known in the earth,
 as all the nations learn of your saving works,

**All: let the peoples praise you, O God,
 let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let them shout with joy,

**All: for you judge the nations with fairness,
 and guide the peoples of the earth.**

One: Let the people praise you, O God,

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has made an offering of its produce:

All: you continue to bless us, O God, our God.

One: May God bless us -

All: and be held in holy awe to all the ends of the earth.

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Gospel Lesson

John 5:1-9

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Where Do You Turn for Help?

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

**All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life,
Of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman, a servant of the poor,
Tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-Giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Welcome Table

arr. by Mark Hayes

- v. 1-I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days,
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table some of these days
- v. 2-I'm gonna feast on milk and honey . . .
- v. 3-I'm gonna wade across Jordan's river . . .

[Melody & Text: African-American Spiritual]

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

In Remembrance

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Tayrin Sain, Instrumentalist

Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Sung Prayer Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts

(#466)

All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

You alone, O Lord, are holy,

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier © Les Presses de Taizé (France).

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth**

O For a World

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***Benediction**

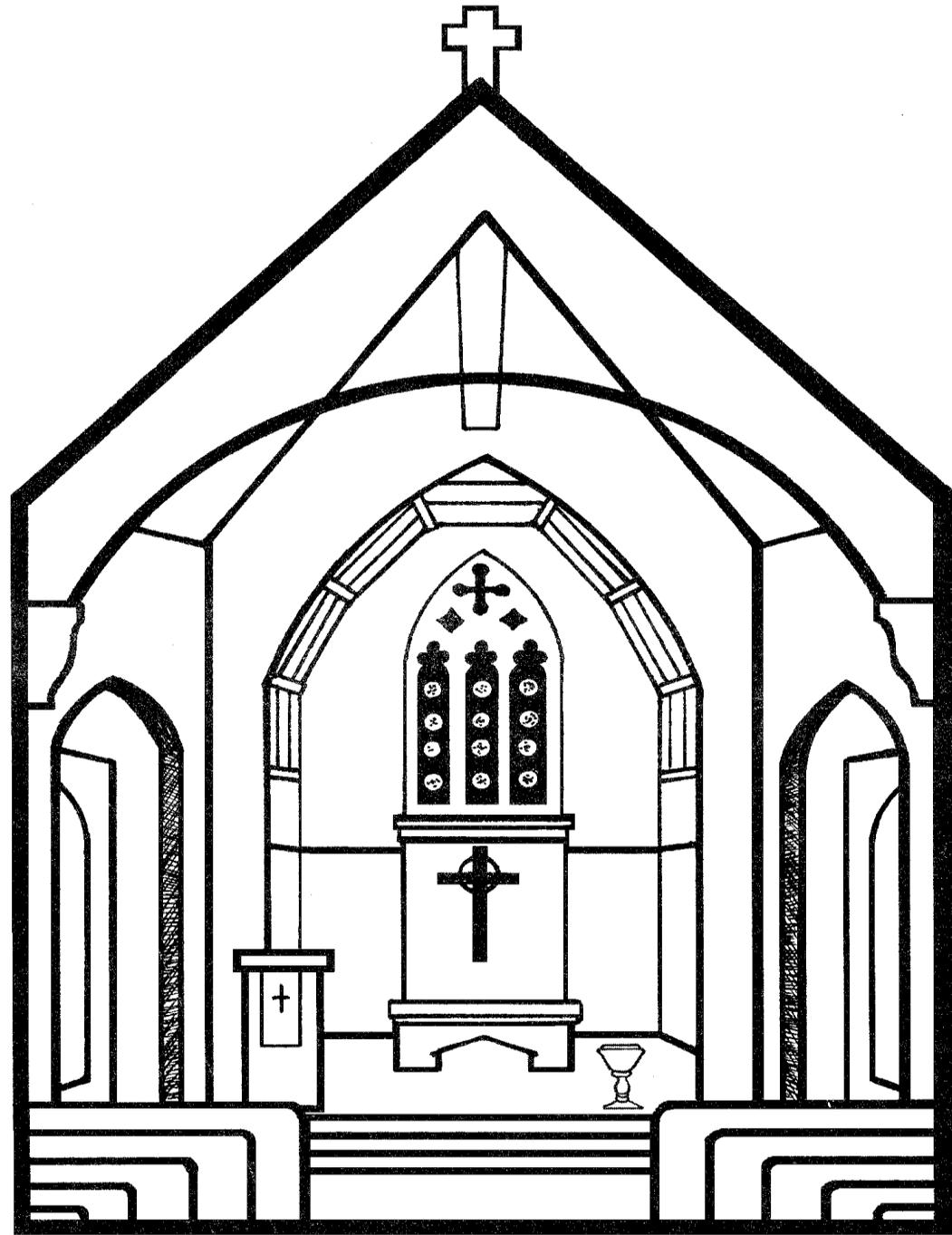
***Postlude**

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