

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 9, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In the light of the Christ Candle, we gather as community.
In the light there is promise and truth.
As we offer light in this world,
we will learn who we are meant to be.

Opening Hymn: God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) MV 28
(Please stand as you are able)

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1995

Music: Tony El Alonso, 2001

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- 1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain Fresh is the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

- 2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. *Refrain*

- 3 Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. *Refrain*

- 4 Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. *Refrain*

- 5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker
(More Voices 30, vs. 1 & 4)
(Please remain seated)

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- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
- 4 It's a chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

A Time to Wonder

Hymn: Dance with the Spirit (More Voices 156, vs. 2)
(Please stand as you are able)

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee

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Dance with the Spirit
early in the morning,
Move with the Spirit
throughout the long day,
Work and hope
for new life abornin'
Listen to the spirit
to show you the way.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23
1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Reflection: 'Confronting the Lie'

Hymn of the Day: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
(Voices United 266, please stand as you are able)

Words: John Henry Newton 1779, alt.;

v.5 anon., from a Collection of Sacred Ballads 1790

*Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell 1900
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- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Invitation to Offering

Gathering this offering ... is a radical act.
In a world where self satisfaction is first on many peoples' list,
this is a radical act.
When we give to the Church, we give to God.
Through God's grace and our generosity,
we can free the enslaved, open hearts,
give voice to the voiceless and hope to the fearful.

Choral Response: Bless Our Families (VU 556, vs. 4)
(Please stand as you are able)

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Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Offering Prayer

Gathered by the Spirit we give our hearts to the work of Love.
Loving God, take these gifts of money, time, prayer, work
and gratitude, and help us help you to bring Love to the world.
We are blessed, to be a blessing to others. Amen

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 916)
(Please remain seated)
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Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Parting Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts (More Voices 154) (Please stand as you are able)

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- 1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
- 2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.
- 3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Music Leadership – James Yi
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
A Time to Wonder – Rev. Hilde J. Seal
Readers – Deanna Bertelsen, Alex & Izzy Heim,
and Karen Strawn Samis
Spirit Kids Program – Joanne Thomas
Technical Support – Sam Boehner & Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – 2nd Sunday Brew Crew