

## Order of Worship

August 23rd 2020 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

*Listen, listen wait in silence listening from the Songs of Presence CD*

*In the cool of the morning sunlight, Melanie Demore*

*If the people lived their lives as if it were a song, Traditional Russian hymn*

*Now I walk in beauty, Traditional Navajo prayer*

### Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

### Call to Worship

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

**With bright eyes, let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

**With solid devotion, let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

**With humble intention, let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

**With strong voices, let us sing. Amen.**

written by Rev. Christine Sobania

### Hymn of Praise

[\*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands\*](#)

#### Verse 1

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 2

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 3

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 4

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 5

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 6

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

#### Verse 7

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

## Opening Prayer

God of silence and God of all sound,  
help us to listen.  
Help us to do the deep listening to the sounds of our souls,  
waiting to hear your soft voice calling us deeper into you.  
Give us attentive ears  
that begin to separate the noise from the sounds that are you;  
you who have been speaking to us  
and through us our whole lives.  
Today help us hear you anew. **Amen.**

Author unknown

## Special Music

*Listen to the sound of silence*  
Julie Paxton

## Scripture Reading

Jacqui Forster, reader

*Acts 2:1-4; 14-21. NIV*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens  
above

and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and  
glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Smoke and Other Signals*

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

### Prayers of the People

Jacqui Forster, reader

### Offertory

Gospel Medley of Traditional African-American spirituals:

*Wade in the water*

*I wanna die easy when I die*

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child*

### Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below**  
**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**  
**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**  
**Amen**

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### Communion

#### Lord's Prayer

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Communion Hymn

[\*Surely The Presence Of The Lord\*](#)

#### Chorus

Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power  
And His grace

I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place

#### Verse 1

In the midst of His children  
The Lord said He would be  
It doesn't take very many  
It can be just two or three  
And I feel that same sweet Spirit

That I've felt oft times before  
Oh surely I can say  
I have been with the Lord

#### Chorus

Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power  
And His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence

Of the Lord is in this place

#### Verse 2

There's a holy hush around us  
As God's glory fills this place

I've touched the hem of His garment  
And I can almost see His face  
And my heart is overflowing  
With the fullness of His joy  
I know without a doubt  
That I have been with the Lord

#### Chorus

Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power  
And His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place

## **Back Talk**

### **Closing Prayer**

Gracious and loving Lord,  
You hold out to us a future full of hope.  
Give us the wisdom of Your Spirit  
So that we can see the shape of Your plan for our lives  
In the gifts You have given us,  
And in the circumstances of our daily lives.  
Give us the freedom of Your Spirit,  
To seek You with all our hearts,  
And to choose Your will above all else.  
We make this closing prayer through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**Adapted – Carmelite Sisters**

## **Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*Irish Blessing*

Traditional Irish folk song

**Our love in action now begins...**

Our Sunday School is next...

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