

Order of Worship

March 21st 2021 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We gather together to *remember*,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.

We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.

We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.

**We tell these stories so that our children and our children's children
can also come to know and love the God we serve.**

Let's worship together!

Amen.

– Based on Psalm 78: 1-4 ~ From re:Worship.com

Hymn of Praise

Christ, Be Our Light / Sé Nuestra Luz

Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in
darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy
people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered
today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save
us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts.

Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered
today.

3. Longing for food, many are
hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for
others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

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hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
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today.

4. Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others,

walls made of living stone.

Refrain

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hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
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today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to
belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

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today.

Opening Prayer

O risen Christ,
Be at our side on the journey of faith
on life's pathways and at every encounter,
engender our compassion,
so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.
Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.
May it illumine us and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.
May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture
and open our eyes to recognize you.
Grant us the courage to become vulnerable
so that our sisters and brothers may know you through us
and that we may know you through them.
Amen.

– from *Resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (2010)

Special Music

Walk In Love

Brady Toops, Mark Warren, Joel Warren, Angie Eddy

Scripture Reading

Chriss Flynn, Reader

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[g] you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Realign – Part 5

The Story of Us

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Sherri Goodwin, Reader

Offertory

Walk Beside Me

Tim O'Brien and Darrell Scott

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

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father

Brothers all are we

Let me walk with my brother

In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With ev'ry step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another,
you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness
and to fight for it with all our hearts.
Help us to realize that there can be no understanding
where there is mutual rejection.
O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely,
we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you,
and we love you with our whole being,
because our being is in your being,
our spirit is rooted in your spirit.
Fill us then with love,
and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways,
united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world,
and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.
Love has overcome.
Love is victorious.
Amen.

~ written by Thomas Merton

Blessing

Postlude

Higher Love
Steve Winwood and Will Jennings

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Michael Schoepe.