



The Celebration of Worship

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Remembrance: Service of Lament

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Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Special Video

Many thanks to the contributors and to Jonathan Sakikibara for video editing.

Call to Worship

Leader: God is calling you.

Congregation: From our strayed ways, God calls us back today.

Leader: God is calling you.

Congregation: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, God calls us.

Leader: God is calling you.

Congregation: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out God's call.

Leader: Look, listen! God is calling you.

Congregation: Lord, help us hear your voice.

All: Lord, receive our lives. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Litany of Lament & Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: O my people, O my church, says the Lord. What more could I have done for you?

Congregation: Holy One, have mercy on us.

Leader: We have hated and killed each other and lived in animosity.

Congregation: Holy One, have mercy on us.

Leader: We have denied and disregarded God's great love for all the world.

Congregation: Holy One, have mercy on us.

Leader: We have abused and abandoned the resources of the world.

Congregation: Holy One, have mercy on us.

Leader: We have ridiculed and rejected the inflicted and cared only for our own.

Congregation: Holy One, have mercy on us.

All: Holy One, God of grace, forgive us, and let us be reconciled with You, with one another, and with our neighbors, so that Your church may be a light to the world and a sign of Your redeeming love.

Leader: Even now, says the Lord our God, return to me with all your heart. For God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: God's grace heals us, God's mercy forgives us, and God's love redeems us. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn of Grace

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22, 25-31

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds... And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered Him,

“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Second Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:9-15a

At that place [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go; return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus...”

Sermon

Rola Al Ashkar

“Wind, Earthquake, Fire and Water”

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Please have elements of your choice available to receive virtual communion.

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Rola Al Ashkar

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”

Benediction

Rola Al Ashkar

Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

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Flowers

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