



The Celebration of Worship

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Special Video

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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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

People: Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.

Leader: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

People: For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.

Gathering Hymn

“O Lord, How Shall We Meet You?”

Confession and Assurance of God’s Grace

All: Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts up to You, trusting that Your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust You, and we have forgotten the assurance of Your unending presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have thought about giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by Your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Response to God’s Forgiveness

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

“Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught”

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

Jeremiah 6:13-16

For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace. They acted shamefully, they committed abomination; yet they were not ashamed, they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.”

Second Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 9-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and

children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sermon Veronica Gould
“No Counterfeit Peace”

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 Veronica Gould

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rola Al Ashkar

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Benediction Veronica Gould

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.)

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