

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words Christine Rohloff

There is joy in community when we worship together: work for justice, are the church.

Shout for joy.

There is joy in the ordinary times: the smiles of children, a good cup of coffee, tea, the smell of fresh baked bread, sunrises, sunsets.

Shout for joy.

There is joy in doing justice: when we march, gather petitions, dance and chant with a scholar, live as good stewards of the earth.

Shout for joy.

There is joy in the unexpected: notes from a friend, flowers for no reason, sun when rain is predicted.

Shout for joy.

There is joy in the struggle: the touch of a friend, a kind word, a hand held.

Shout for joy.

There is joy in who you are: the finishing of a project, doing a task well, learning a new thing, in being who we are.

Shout for joy.

Opening Hymn Hymnal # 17 “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

Prayer of Invocation Terence Elwyn Johnson

Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy: Grant that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to share that strength in the world. Amen.

Musical Response: Binder #34 “Be Still and Know”

Children’s Time

Word in Song: Nancy McDonald

Sacred Readings:

Extraordinary Lives

Lyrics by Steve Givens

It’s an ordinary time on an ordinary day.
It’s the simple things we do that take our breath away.
And, the more we pay attention to every day that fills our eyes,
The more we live extraordinary lives.

One day I stood out by the road,
And beyond my fields the river flowed.
Gold stalks shimmered in the light.
My soul on fire, my mind in flight.
It was just one moment in the sun,
A reckoning when the day was done.
A time to stand and be amazed.

For we spend our lives as we spend our days.
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The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Jill Stratton

Hymn Binder #35 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayers of the People (Lord's Prayer in front of binder)

Communion

Minister: As we gather around the table to be nourished
by this meal we remember that this is not our

table this is God's table and that means all are welcome at this table. The bread is gluten free and there is grape juice in the cup.

Gathering around the table as we celebrate life together we remember so many stories shared around tables;

Liturgist: Tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, reshaped.

Minister: Gathering around the table this morning, we break the bread and touch the mystery that in our brokenness we become whole;

Liturgist: We fill the cup and remember the abundance discovered in each new sharing of our sacred stories. Together, around the table, we pray:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Response Binder #36 "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal.

We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.

Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How Shall We Do God's Work in the World

Binder #30 "Halle, Halle"

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to do
Your work in the world. Amen

Hymn Hymnal #31 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Benediction

Postlude