

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words Christine Rohloff

Response: Shout for joy.

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 Binder # 10 “We Are Called”

Prayer of Invocation adapted Worship Ways

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate,
God, the merciful, holy, blessed:

Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep.
Lift us into consciousness of your presence.
Change us, move us, mold us for the better;
So that, at the sound of your voice
At the call of our name
We will never be the same.

May this worship do this and so much more. Amen.

Musical Response: Binder #21 “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Children’s Time

Word in Song: Recorder Group

Sacred Reading:

Micah 4:1-5 and 6:8

In days to come the mountain of God’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. All nations will stream toward it. Many people will come and say: “Come, let us climb God’s mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that we may be instructed in God’s ways and walk in God’s paths”

Instruction will be given from Zion and the word of God from Jerusalem. God will bring justice among many peoples and arbitrate between mighty and distant nations. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war. People will sit under their own vines and their own fig trees with no one to make them afraid. The mouth of God has spoken. All nations walk in the names of their own gods, and we will walk in the name of our God forever and ever.

Listen here, mortal:

God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what God needs from you:

Simply do justice,

Love kindness
And humbly walk with your God

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

Sermon Wendy Bruner

Hymn Hymnal #576 “For the Healing of the Nations”

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”

Prayer 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 Binder #12 “For Everyone Born”

Benediction

Postlude