

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 Binder #39 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Invocation

John W. Howell

O God who is love,
when you seem so far away from us,
remind us to reach within
to the fountain of feelings at the core of ourselves
and there, let us find you.

When you seem so unconcerned,
so massive, so impassive,
so insulated by your power,
so distant by your expansiveness,
remind us to reach out
to the hand of a child,
to the face of a friend,
and there let us find you.

And in times when we have nothing to feel
and there is no one to touch,
let us never close our hearts or our hands,
but always, let us be open to you,
and let us be open today; here and now.
Amen.

Musical Response: Binder #40 “Oh Lord Hear My Prayer”

Children’s Time

Word in Song: 8:30 John Panhorst

11:00 Nancy Wamser & Terri Hicks

Sacred Reading:

Jeremiah 29:10-14

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon’s seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I

have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

Sermon Sarah Webster

Hymn Binder #41 “Great Is Your Faithfulness”

Prayers of the People

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 (**break the bread**) and touch the mystery that in our brokenness we become whole;

Liturgist: We fill the cup (**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 #38 “Come to the Table of Grace”

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

Hymnal #2 “Glory, Glory Hallelujah” verses 1-4

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 #4 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

Benediction

Postlude