

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words (Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor)

One: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

One: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

Many: We will listen and we will hear!

Opening Hymn Hymnal #575 "O For a World"

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 #21 "What Does the Lord Require of You"

Mission Moment

Children's Time

Word in Song: Instrumental Ensemble

Sacred Reading:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone.

There is no cure for my grief. My heart is sick. Hear the cry of distress of my people from a distant land:

“Is the Holy One not in Zion? Is its ruler not there anymore?”

“Why do they provoke me with their carved images, with their useless foreign gods?”

“The harvest is past, summer is ended and we are not saved.”

“I am devastated, for my people are devastated. I mourn. Terror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my people not been attended to? Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my people!”

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Binder #47 “Our Parent-Guardian God, We Praise Your Prophets Bold”

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.

Communion Response Binder #6 “Here Are Our Hearts”

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

Hymnal #2 “Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

Prayer of Dedication (in front of binder)

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 #25 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Benediction

Postlude