

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

One: We enter this place desperate for the comfort of God's presence.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: We enter this place prepared to be challenged to do God's work in the world.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: We enter this place searching for the hope only God can bring.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: So let us be comforted, challenged and hopeful as we worship together.

Many: Come O Holy One

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal #1

Prayer of Invocation (Worship Ways)

Divine One,
from whom we seek a way to live that honors you,
come and remind us of the law
you have written on our hearts.
God of our being,
enter us by your Spirit
and show us how sweet Your words are.
Holy One of our yearning,
bring your comfort and strength to this gathering
that we may all partake of your wondrous love
and welcome you to our lives. Amen.

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

Children's Time

Word in Song:

Instrumental Ensemble

Sacred Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their partner. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, I will put my instruction within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know God, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their injustice and remember their turning away no more.

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart.

“Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one – not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’”

Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? I tell you, God will give them swift justice. But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?”

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn “We Are Called” Binder #10

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

How Shall We Do God's Work in the World

“God Most High” Binder #48

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 “Sing a New Church” Binder #27

Benediction

Postlude