

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

One: God, you call us to intentionality in our commitment to social justice.

Many: We are Peace

One: God, you call us to intimacy in our fellowship together.

Many: We are Peace

One: God, you call us to inclusiveness in our diversity.

Many: We are Peace

One: God, you call us to inquisitiveness in our personal spiritual growth.

Many: We are Peace

One: God you call us to inspiration in our communal worship.

Many: We are Peace

Opening Hymn Binder #31 “In Christ There is No East or West”

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Time

Centennial Moment

Word in Song:

Handchimes

Sacred Reading

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Holy One. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

--Mahatma Gandhi

"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings."

--Henri Nouwen

Forgiveness is the name of love practiced among people who love poorly. The hard truth is that all people love poorly. We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour increasingly. That is the great work of love among the fellowship of the weak that is the human family.

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists of listening to them. Just as love of God begins with listening to God's word, so the beginning of love for our siblings is learning to listen to them.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Hymnal #539 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” Verses 1-4

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 #36 “Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

Let us pray with 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

“This Little Light of Mine” Binder #20

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

Rainbow Fish Tree

The Rainbow Fish Tree is an Epiphany tradition for our congregation. After Christmas, the tree in our sanctuary is decorated with a bright rainbow fish. We process to the front during the closing hymn and place ornaments on the Rainbow Fish Tree in symbolic commitment to a new world. Today we place colored fish on the tree indicating our commitment to work in solidarity with all to achieve well-being, justice and equity for God’s creation through our intimacy in our fellowship together.

Hymn Binder #11 “All Are Welcome”

Benediction

Postlude