

**Peace UCC**  
**May 10, 2020**  
**Breathing In — where do we find comfort?**

**Prelude** "Nearer, My God, To Thee"  
arr. Joel Raney Hope Publishing

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: Breathe into the story that is Peace

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe in to the places we find comfort

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe out to the places and things we need to let go of

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe in the new life we are called to be

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

One: Breathe in the fresh breath of change

**Many: Breathe in, breathe out**  
**The breath of God**

## Hymn "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Mark A. Miller

There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this  
pres ence of peace in this room, there's a pres ence of peace in this  
place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a  
room. In God's ten - der-ness is found peacethat pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a  
spir - it of love in this place. There's a room. O al - le -  
pres - ence of peace in this  
lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! We bless you ho - ly  
name. O al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a  
spir - it of love in this place.

### Prayer of Invocation

Grace filled and loving God, we pray this morning for a breath of comfort, for a word to calm our anxious souls. Remind us of your compassion and faithfulness especially in these times when life is so uncertain. Keep us close to you this day and every day. Amen.

### Word in Song Darcy Swanson "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Arr. Tom Fettke Alfred Publishing

### Sacred Text

#### Isaiah 42:5-6a

Thus says God, the Holy One,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Holy One, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

### A More Contemporary Word

“I breathe in the soft, saturated exhalations of cedar trees and salmonberry bushes, fireweed and wood fern, marsh hawks and meadow voles, marten and harbor seal and blacktail deer. I breathe in the same particles of air that made songs in the throats of hermit thrushes and gave voices to humpback whales, the same particles of air that lifted the wings of bald eagles and buzzed in the flight of hummingbirds, the same particles of air that rushed over the sea in storms, whirled in high mountain snows, whistled across the poles, and whispered through lush equatorial gardens...air that has passed continually through life on earth. I breathe it in, pass it on, share it in equal measure with billions of other living things, endlessly, infinitely.”

— Richard Nelson, *The Island Within*

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

### Hymn "You Are Mine"

David Haas

I will come to you in the si - lence; \_\_\_\_\_  
I am hope for all who are hope - less; \_\_\_\_\_  
am the Word that leads all to free - dom; \_\_\_\_\_ I

I will lift you from \_\_\_\_\_ all your fear. \_\_\_\_\_  
I am eyes for all who long to see. \_\_\_\_\_ In the  
am the peace the world \_\_\_\_\_ can - not give. \_\_\_\_\_

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, \_\_\_\_\_ I will be your light. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and \_\_\_\_\_ know I am here. \_\_\_\_\_  
Come and \_\_\_\_\_ rest in \_\_\_\_\_ me. \_\_\_\_\_  
up, now \_\_\_\_\_ walk and \_\_\_\_\_ live! \_\_\_\_\_

**Refrain**

Do not be a - afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you

home; \_\_\_\_\_ I love you and you are mine. \_\_\_\_\_ (4.)

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Closing**

#### **Postlude "It Is Well with My Soul"**

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