Prelude  "I Love to Tell the Story"
       arr. Carol Tornquist  Lillenas 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
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       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

Prayer of Invocation  Maren C. Tirabassi
God, you created a tabernacle for the sun, the moon, and all the lights of heaven and are present to all things in all times and yet never can be contained. We know you are not limited by the houses of worship we build, but rather that your love always shelters our worshipfulness. Bless and consecrate our gathering in this place and the love we share in this time. May your peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always find you in our midst. Amen

Word in Song  Darcy Swanson  "Compassion Hymn"
Arr. James Koerts  Alfred Publishing

Sacred Readings
Genesis 2:4b-7
In the day that God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then God formed the human from the dust of the ground, and breathed into the human’s nostrils the breath of life; and the human became a living being.
A More Contemporary Word

I breathe in rain
I breathe out green
I breathe in wind
I breathe out sky
I breathe in laughter
I breathe out happiness
I breathe in her
I breathe out poetry
I breathe in daughters and sons
I breathe out hope
I breathe in words
I breathe out mountains
I breathe in sage
I breathe out clarity
I breathe in dust
I breathe out the bones of my people
I breathe in oppression
I breathe out liberation
I breathe in fire
I breathe out clouds
I breathe in ink
I breathe out veins
I breathe in Buddha
I breathe out Mexican.
--Arnoldo Garcia

All the principles of heaven and earth are living inside you. Life itself is truth, and this will never change. Everything in heaven and earth breathes. Breath is the thread that ties creation together.
--Morihei Ueshiba

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner
Hymn "You Are Called to Tell the Story"
Tune: Regent Square
Text: Ruth Duck

You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space

Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.
Then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.

Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer
Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer: 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.
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

Closing

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