



**Word in Song** Sue Clauss  
“Sweet Hour of Prayer” William Bradbury  
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**Sacred Text**

**Jeremiah 20:9**

<sup>9</sup> If I say, ‘I will not mention the Holy One  
or speak any more in God’s name’,  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

**Luke 17:20-21**

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kin-dom of God was coming, and he answered, ‘The kin-dom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There it is!” For, in fact, the kin-dom of God is among you.’

**Gospel of Thomas 3**

(3) Jesus said, "If those who lead you say to you, 'See, the kingdom is in the sky,' then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, 'It is in the sea,' then the fish will precede you. Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the children of the living Abba. But if you will not know yourselves, you dwell in poverty and it is you who are that poverty."

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

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** "There's a Church within us, O God"  
 Words and Music Kent Schneider



There's a church with - in us, O God; There's a  
 There's po - ten - tial with - in us, O God; Some - thing  
 There's a fire with - in us, O God; A new  
 There's some build - ing to be done, O God; There's some  
 There's the church with - in us, O God; There's the



church with - in us. O God; Not a build - ing,  
 stir - ring with - in us, O God; Some - thing strain - ing  
 life a burn - ing O God; A new fire  
 build - ing to be done, O God; Not with steel,  
 church with - in us, O God; Not a build - ing



but a soul, not a por - tion, but a whole; There's a  
 to have birth, to be vis - i - ble on earth, There's po -  
 for a life, com - bat - ting pres - ent strife, There's a  
 not with stone, but with lives which are your own, There's the  
 but one soul, not a por - tion but a whole, We



church with - in us, O God.  
 ten - tial with - in us, O God.  
 fire with - in us, O God.  
 church to be built, O God.  
 are your church in the world.

**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.

**How Shall We Join God's Work in the World**

Gracious God, we give thanks.

We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

**Closing**

**Postlude** Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"

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