

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Change My Heart, O God" Eddie Espinosa
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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

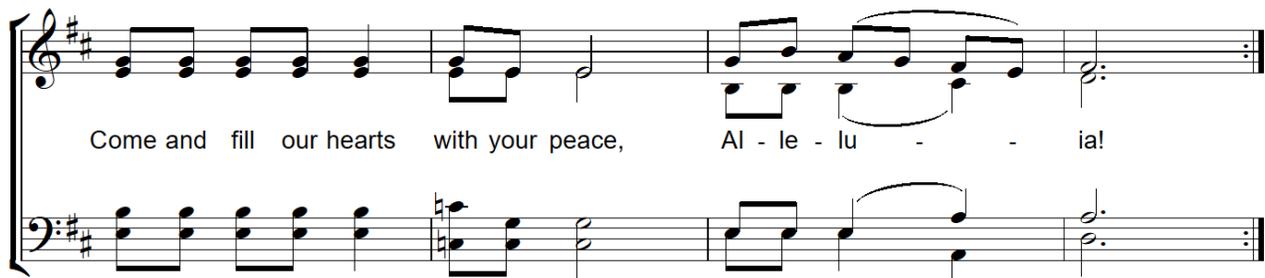
One: So let us be comforted, challenged and hopeful as we worship together.

Many: Come O Holy One

Opening Response "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Jacques Berthier



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

Invocation

adapted from Ruth C. Duck

God of the open door; we thank you that you receive us as we are and call us to welcome one another. Through you Spirit of holiness, open wide our hearts and break open your word, that you may inspire and guide this time together. Through image and movement, sound and story, may we honor your presence in our lives and in one another. Amen.

Word in Song "The Prayer with Lead Us Lord" Michael Lageman & Wendy Bruner
 Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster arr. Tom Fettke
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Reading

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.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "This is the Day of New Beginnings" Tune: Beginnings

This is the day of new be - gin - nings,
 For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

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

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