

Peace UCC
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Dreaming Peace

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" Jason D. Payne
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: When we worship in our building or on Zoom

Many: We are the church

One: When we work for justice and peace

Many: We are the church

One: When we work so our neighbors have what they need to thrive

Many: We are the church

One: When we advocate for education and health care for all

Many: We are the church

One: When we provide abundant hospitality, inclusive of all

Many: We are the church

One: When we hear God's voice and answer the call to justice, kindness, shalom

Many: We are the church

Opening Response "Guide My Feet"

Invocation adapted from Ruth C. Duck

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us, have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name. Empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Witness of Music "In dir ist Freude" Marcel Dupre arr. Sue Clauss
Loretta Haggard, John Panhorst, and Ann Fessenden

Readings

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Robin Meyers from The Underground Church:

The other day I saw a nine-pound sparrow in front of my house, walking down the street. So I asked the sparrow, "Aren't you a little heavy?"

The sparrow said, "Yeah, that's why I'm out walking, trying to get some of this weight off."

And I said, "Why don't you fly?"

The sparrow looked at me like I was stupid and said, "Fly? I've never flown. I could get hurt!"

I said, "What's your name?"

And he said, "Church." (p190-191)

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Dream On, Dream On"

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" Brenda Portman
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