

Peace UCC
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Dreaming Peace

Prelude "I Surrender All" arr. Craig Curry
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Welcome

Opening Words Christine Rohloff

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 "All Are Welcome" Marty Haugen
Tune: Twin Oaks

Prayer of Invocation

Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. So may your church bring forth your will and your reign. Amen

The Witness of Music "Von Gott will ich nicht lassen" Friedrich Zipp
arr. Sue Clauss

Jeff Panhorst, John Panhorst,
Loretta Haggard, Zach Tesch

Reading

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the marvelous blend of fact, myth, poetry, and story that is in scripture, we give thanks.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Dream On, Dream On" Text: Hae Jong Kim
Music: Sunk Yung Lee

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.

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

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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Joel Raney
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