

Peace UCC
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How shall we participate? Part Two – caring for our word

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Jack Schrader
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: We gather together this morning as a community filled with energy and purpose

Many: we hold the dream

One: We do not know where God is leading but we trust in God's steadfast love and faithfulness as we move along.

Many: we hold the dream

One: No matter where we find ourselves on the path – rocky or smooth - we know that we are never alone. We belong to God and God will never fail us.

Many: we hold the dream

One: And so we prepare ourselves for worship with hearts filled with conviction and hope, ready to join God's work in the world.

Many: we hold the dream

Opening Response "What Does the Lord Require of You?" Jim Strathee

1.
What does the Lord re - quire of you?
2.
Jus - tice, kind - ness,
3.
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
walk hum - bly with your God.
and walk hum - bly with your God.

Prayer of Invocation Dom HelderCamara

God, don't extinguish the light of your presence within me. God, look through my eyes, listen through my ears, speak through my lips, walk with my feet. God, may my human presence be a reminder, however weak, of your divine presence. Amen

Stewardship Moment

The Witness of Music

Chancel Choir

"Look All Around" J. Bert Carlson

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John Panhorst - Clarinet Jim McKee - Percussion

Readings:

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 25:31-40

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

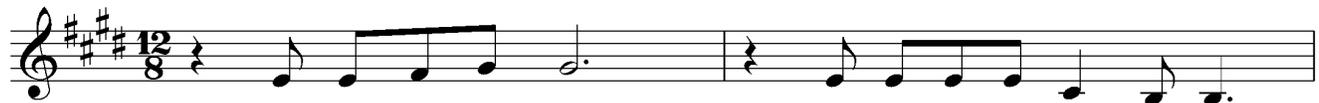
The Table With No Edges by Andrew King

We will sit down where feet tire from the journey.
We will sit down where grief bends the back.
We will sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery.
We will sit down where cries sound from cracked walls.
We will sit down where heat beats like hammers.
We will sit down where flesh shivers in cold.
We will sit down where bread bakes on thin charcoal.
We will sit down where there is no grain in baked fields.
We will sit down with those who dwell in ashes.
We will sit down in shadow and in light.
We will sit down, making friends out of strangers.
We will sit down, our cup filled with new wine.
We will sit down and let love flow like language.
We will sit down where speech needs no words.
We will sit together at the table with no edges.
We will sit to share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "For Everyone Born" Shirley Murray



For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 For all gen - ders made, a place at the ta - ble,
 For each race and land, a place at the ta - ble,
 For each way to love, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 en - rich - ing the feast with lan - guage and song
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 new fla - vors for some, a ref - uge for man - y
 a rain - bow of ways to in - car - nate car - ing



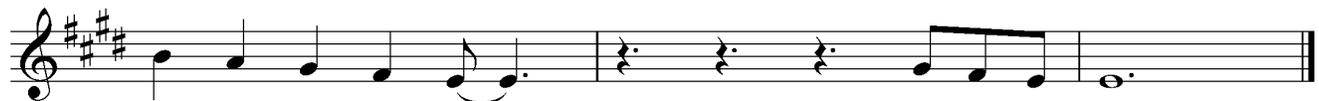
for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for all gen - ders made a sys - tem that's fair.
 for each race and land, the wel - come of home.
 for each way to love, the chal - ice of grace,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes God will de - light when we are cre



a - tors of jus - tice jus - tice and joy.

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 and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Postlude" Douglas E. Wagner
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