



**Prelude** "Preludes for Birds" Zach Tesch  
VI. Nineteen

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

**One:** We worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells within us.

**Many:** **God's steadfast love is part of us.**

**One:** We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

**Many:** **God's steadfast love is part of us.**

**One:** We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

**Many:** **God's steadfast love is part of us.**

**One:** We worship the God who inhabits our world and who dwells within us. Amen

**Opening Hymn** Binder # 53 "Guide, Me O My Great Redeemer"

**Prayer of Invocation** Allen P. Happe

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems that go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and passion, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Jesus. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. Amen

**Opening Response** Binder #31 "As-salaamu-Lakum"

**Children's Time**

**The Witness of Music** Zach Tesch  
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**Reading:**  
**Hosea 11:1-11**

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.  
I went through labor and drew them to me;  
and lifted them up to my cheek  
and bent down to feed them.

They shall return to Egypt,  
Assyria will be the king over them because they refused to turn around.  
And the sword will whirl through their cities,  
destroy the gossipers and consume the scheming officials.  
But my people are determined in turning away from me.  
Even when all of them call out to baal (the most high),  
he will not lift them up.

How can I give you up Ephraim.  
How can I deliver you to your enemies Israel- give you up  
like I did with Admah or make you like Zeboiim?  
I have changed my mind.  
I am feeling more compassionate towards him.

I will not lose my temper.  
I will not return to destroy Ephraim, for I am God and not human,  
the Holy one who is a part of you.  
I will not come in anger.

They shall go after the Holy One,  
who roars like a lion;  
when the Holy One roars,  
Holy One's children shall come trembling from the west.  
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the Holy One.

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

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** Binder #77 "Bring Many Names"

**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.

**Closing Hymn** Binder # 57 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Prelude for Birds" Zach Tesch  
IV. A Drop of the Sea

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