

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Jason D. Payne
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Welcome

Opening Words

We gather this morning,
some filled with the joy of a new day,
some worn out by the world.
One and all we gather here.

For some of us, the hours are heavy with grief
For some, anticipation brings us to our feet in dance
Each on a journey that brings us together
One and all we gather here.

Led by the wonder of love and compassion,
We arrive - bringing our sorrow and joy, our burdens and dancing bodies.
God among us and in us.
One and all we gather here.

Opening Response "Halle, Halle" Traditional

Prayer of Invocation (Adapted) Terence Elwyn Johnson

Eternal God, parent of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship, be with us God. Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living. Be with us God. Amen

The Witness of Music Children's Choir
Soloist: Stella Dean
"Sing Praises to the Lord" Ruth Elaine Schram
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Readings

Psalm 150

Praise the HOLY ONE!
Praise God in God's sanctuary;
praise God in God's mighty firmament!
Praise God for God's mighty deeds;
praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!
Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the HOLY ONE!
Praise the HOLY ONE!

Exhale Glory by Marth Spong in *Psalms for the Struggle: the words of her mouth*
Start with a breath. Put your hand on your belly.
Do you feel it swelling?
Pull the breath deep and let your voice soar!

Sing sweet, loud, off-key,
velvety or raggedy,
wispy or ferocious.

Breathe in, then exhale glory to the One who made you!
Use the voice God gave you;
find the notes in the church, in the shower, in the car!

You are an instrument of praise!
Breathe, and sing, and praise God!

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

Sermon Rev, Wendy Bruner

Hymn NCH #561 "When in Our Music God is Glorified" Tune: Engelberg

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

Benediction

Postlude "Praise God with the Sound of Trumpet" Carl Simone
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