

Peace UCC
June 13, 2021
Then Sings My Soul

Prelude "In the Garden" Steven Scott
Tune: Garden/ C. Austin Miles
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: God, you call us from our everyday lives.

Many: We hear your call.

One: We hide our faces, afraid to look at you. We are unprepared and wonder how we could possibly be the ones to answer.

Many: We hear your call.

One: You tell us we are the ones. We are enough. You want to send us just as we are.

Many: We hear your call.

One: You promise you will be with us through it all, so we reply. Here we are!

Many: We hear your call.

Opening Response "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark A. Miller

There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this
pres ence of peace in this room, there's a pres ence of peace in this

place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a
room. In God's ten - der-ness is found peacethat pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a

spir - it of love in this place. There's a room. O al - le -
pres - ence of peace in this

lu - ia, ___ sing al - le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly ___

name. O al - le - lu - ia, ___ sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a

spir - it of love in this place.

Prayer of Invocation adapted Worship Ways
**God, the encourager, God, the compassionate,
God, the merciful, holy, blessed:**

**Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep.
Lift us into consciousness of your presence.
Change us, move us, mold us for the better;
So that, at the sound of your voice
At the call of our name
We will never be the same.**

May this worship do this and so much more. Amen.

The Witness of Music Handchimes
Clarinet - Deja Pierre - Foster
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" Tune: Hyfrydol/Rowland H. Prichard
arr. Margaret Tucker
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Readings:

Psalm 82: 8
Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Today I Will Rise Up by Marilyn Pagan-Banks

Oh, the hubris!
Us good folk –
we love to tell you what to do, God.
We forget that we, too, are part of the earth you judge
and of the nations that belong to you.

Today I will rise up and do my part in seeking justice;
Today I will rise up and show kindness to my enemy;
Today I will rise up and spread joy and promote healing;
Today I will rise up and speak truth to power;
Today I will share love with the unlovable.

Today I am praying for judgment covered in grace
For whosoever and everybody;

Cuz, yeah... we are all in this together.

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

Sermon Time
Jenny Davis

"If Not Now, Tell Me When" Rev. Wendy Bruner
Chorus
If not now, tell me when? If not now, tell me when?
We may never see this moment
Or place in time again
If not now, if not now, tell me when?

Verse 1

I see sorrow and trouble in this land I see sorrow and trouble in this land
Although there will be struggle We'll make the change we can
If not now, if not now, tell me when?

Chorus**Verse 2**

I may never see the Promised Land. I may never see the Promised Land
And yet we'll take the journey, And we'll walk it hand in hand
If not now, if not now, tell me when?

Chorus**Bridge:**

We'll work it 'til it's done, Every child, every one
Every soul that ever longed for something better
Something brighter

Verse 3

And it will take a change of heart for this to mend
It will take a change of heart for this to mend
But miracles do happen every shining now and then
If not now, if not now, tell me when?

Chorus

Ester Kaufman ~ read by Su Ulmer
"I Come to the Garden" Rev. Wendy Bruner
I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

Chorus

And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gives to me
Within my heart is to ringing.

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 "Festive Postlude in D" John S. Dixon
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