

**Peace UCC**  
**June 20, 2021**  
**Then Sings My Soul**

**Prelude** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" Paul Manz  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words** "Blessing in the Chaos" by Jan Richardson

To all that is chaotic in you,  
let there come silence.

Let there be  
a calming  
of the clamoring,  
a stilling  
of the voices that  
have laid their claim  
on you,  
that have made their  
home in you,

that go with you  
even to the  
holy places  
but will not  
let you rest,  
will not let you  
hear your life  
with wholeness  
or feel the grace  
that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you  
cease.  
Let what divides you  
cease.  
Let there come an end  
to what diminishes  
and demeans,  
and let depart  
all that keeps you  
in its cage.

Let there be  
an opening  
into the quiet  
that lies beneath  
the chaos,  
where you find  
the peace  
you did not think  
possible  
and see what shimmers

within the storm.

### 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 peace that 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

Gracious and loving God. There are days when the chaos of the world seems to reign, and despair closes in on us. We feel alone and without hope. Bring us peace. Bring us calm. Lead us to a way of unity and redemption. With thanksgiving for your steadfast love and faithful presence in and among us we pray. Amen

The Witness of Music Jim, Allie, and Erin McKee  
"Down in the River to Pray" African-American Folk Hymn

### Readings:

#### Psalm 114:2

Judah became God's sanctuary.

#### A Place to Rest

by Beth A. Richardson

Holy One, may we be your sanctuary.

Just for a little while, may we give you a place to rest:

we, your people, fashioned by your hands, knit together in your womb,  
we, your people, written on your heart, held in the palm of your hand,

we, your people, apple of your eye, bearers of your love.

Linger here, just for a little while and live in our spirits.  
Sweep out the corners of our hearts and make a place here  
that your love might shine forth into this broken world,  
that we might be your face, your heart, your tender presence to those we meet,  
that they might know you through knowing us.

Just for a little while, Holy one, may we be your sanctuary.

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

### **Sermon Time**

Lisa Eberly-Mayse

“Come Thou Fount” Rev. Wendy Bruner and Lisa Eberly-Mayse

Come Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of endless praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,  
Giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger,  
Watching over where I trod.

O to grace, how great a debtor,  
Daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to you.

Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
Wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for your very own.

Nancy Wamser

“Lord of Glory” Rev. Wendy Bruner

#### **Refrain:**

**Leaping the mountains, bounding the hills,  
See how our God has come to meet us.  
God's voice is lifted, God's face is joy.  
Now is the season to sing our song on high.**

1. Come, then O Lord of Glory  
Show us Your face.

Speak for we know Your words are life.

2. God pastures God's flock among the wildflowers,  
And leads them to the mountain of God's love.

3. All through the day, all through the night;  
Seek for the Lord and sing God's love.

## **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** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" Jeffrey Blersch  
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