

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Abide with Me" J.S. Bach
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Welcome

Opening Words adapted by Justin Tanis

One: In the name of the Creator who made us, we celebrate the goodness of our lives.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: In the name of the Christ who came to set us free, we rejoice in our diversity of love and live.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: In the name of the Spirit who sustains us, we challenge ourselves to grow and to dream.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: God, in your presence we gather, be among us now! Amen

Opening Response "Fearfully, Wonderfully Made" Nathan Crabtree & Erik Whitehill



You were known, _ known be - fore birth, _
You be - long, _ you are re - deemed.
When you walk, _ walk through the flame. _



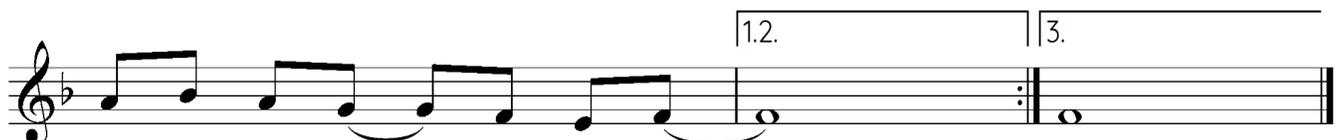
wo - ven deep, _ deep in the earth. _
Love by God, _ God is well pleased.
God is there, _ call - ing your name. _



You were formed _ from star - dust. Sing praise! _ You are
Now em - brace _ what God has or - dained: _ You are
God has said, _ "Do not be a - fraid." _ You are



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Prayer of Invocation Lis Mullen and Clare McBeath

**Please pray with me,
Word of God, human face,
We arrive at this place, this time,
Our paths merging,
To join in praise to you.**

**You spoke your word,
Spoke creation into being,
spoke love into life,
Spoke chaos into peace.
You said, 'I am for you'.**

**You became your word,
Earth's fond guest,
Displayed a human face,
Became one with humankind,
You said, 'I am for you'.**

**You invite us to embody your word,
Speak our lives into love,
Speak our individualism into community,
Speak our complacency into action,
We say, 'We are for you'.**

The Witness of Music Michael Lageman
"We Walk in Love" Deanna Witkowski
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Readings:

John 9:1-7

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

An Adaptation by Helen Garton

As he went on his way, Jesus saw a woman who had been gay from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, whose sin caused her to be lesbian? Hers or her parents' sin?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither she nor her parents sinned; she was born that way so that God's work might be revealed in her. While the day lasts, we must carry on the work of God; night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

With these words, Jesus spat on the ground and made a paste with the spittle; he spread it on the disciples' eyes and immediately her pain eased and she was able to be herself.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "For All The Children" David Lohman



God we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the pro - mise of Your
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to
 shame so a - fraid of who they are and whom they
 wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and



love, _____ though the day may not yet
 be, _____ that they nev - er have a
 love. _____ May the mes - sage now be
 pride. _____ As they grow in strength and



be here we _____ trust it soon will be when your
 rea - son to _____ doubt that they are blest. May they,
 ban - ished that Your love is for the few, may their
 sta - ture, may they join us hand in hands, as a -



chil - dren _____ will be free. _____
 in Your _____ love, find rest. _____
 faith in _____ You re - new. _____
 gainst all _____ hate we stand. _____

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 "Basse-Danse" Peter Warlock
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