

Peace UCC
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Then Sings My Soul

Prelude "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Joel Raney
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: We enter this place, this sacred place, hoping God meets us here.

Many: God is with us.

One: Some of us bring our grief – heavy on our shoulders – weighing us down. We pray

Many: God is with us.

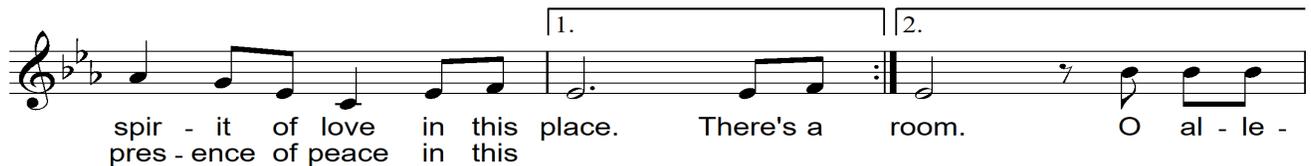
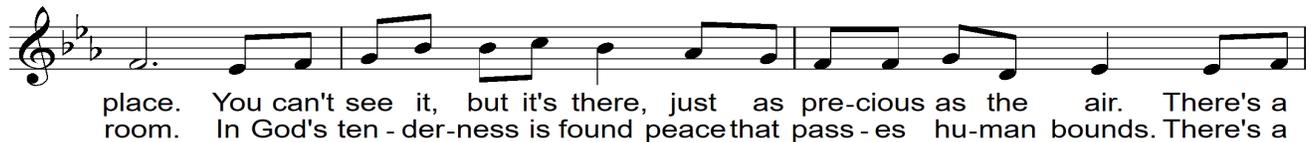
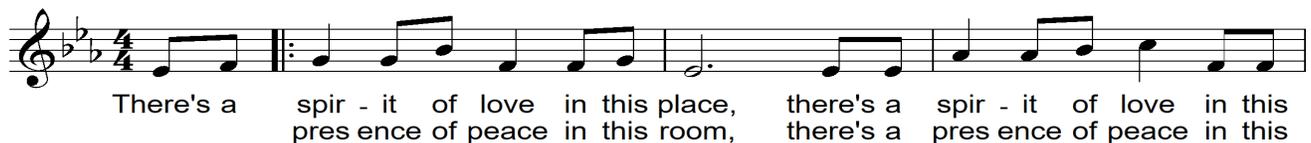
One: Some of us can barely keep our joy contained. We come with laughter, filled with delight. And we know

Many: God is with us.

One: Together we create community. We look into each other's eyes – some filled with tears of sorrow, some shining bright with wonder and with certainty we proclaim

Many: God is with us.

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



Prayer of Invocation Worship Ways

**Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy
and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair.
When we are bowed down, you raise us anew.
We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.
God of compassion and love, move among us this hour.
Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer.
We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

The Witness of Music Stella Dean
"Little White Church" Martha Mier
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Readings:

Psalm 116: 7

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
For the Holy One has dealt bountifully with you.

I'm Gonna Speak by Marilyn Pagan-Banks
I'm gonna speak to that thing!

I'm gonna speak rest into my own weary soul.
I'm gonna speak healing into my own body.
I'm gonna speak peace into my own mind.
I'm gonna speak joy into my own heart.
I'm gonna speak purpose into my own work.
I'm gonna speak well-being into my own family.
I'm gonna speak shalom into my own community.
I'm gonna speak life into the universe.

For God has spoken love out of chaos
and God's Word modeled for us
the power of this very love.

I'm gonna speak to that thing – for me
and for you
for us.

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

Sermon Time

Sarah Webster

"It is Well with My Soul" Rev. Wendy Bruner

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:

**It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Jim McKee
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Precious Lord take my hand
Lead me on let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, Precious Lord
And lead me home

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.

Communion

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. 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

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