



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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# Welcome To Worship

March 7, 2021

9:30 a.m.

## *Creating Possibility: Learning to Live "As If!"*

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to an "Even though" ...this or that happens approach to life  
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Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Third Sunday In Lent*

Preparing To Worship...



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✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

*Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
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✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

*How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?*

✧ **Gathering as God's People:**

Pastor: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is God's deepest desire, what is good and acceptable and perfect." "Live as if there were no tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." (Paul and Mahatma Gandhi)

**All: Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching, and live like heaven is on earth. (Twain) Live like you "Believe." Live "Even Though." Live "As If" the new realm is here and now. Good News! It is!**

✧Gathering Poem and Special Music Video: “Mad World” by Pentatonix  
[\[OFFICIAL VIDEO\] Mad World - Pentatonix - YouTube](#)

✧Opening Ourselves To God’s Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

*Based upon Psalm 19:7-11; the regular print is the psalmist’s words,  
the italicized print represents a possible, internal response.*

**Even in this Mad World, the law of the Lord is “perfect,” reviving my soul....**  
*When I look to You, Your wisdom revives my whole being!*

**The decrees of the Lord are right, rejoicing my heart....**  
*About now, my heart sorely needs some rejoicing...  
Let me lean into Your wisdom and rejoice in the relief it brings!*

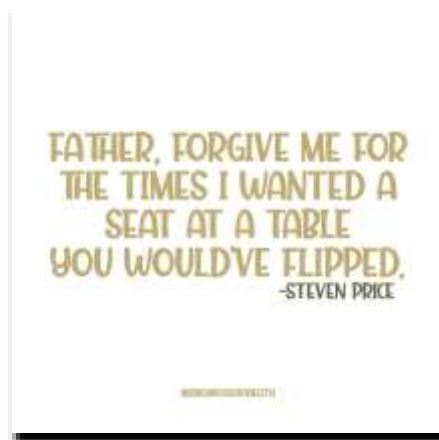
**The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes...**  
*I clearly see what it is You want for me  
if I will only trust myself to go for it!*

**The ordinances of the Lord are more to be desired than gold,  
but who can detect their own errors?**  
*Help me see my hidden faults through the lens of Your love.  
Help me keep my pride from getting in my way!*

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to You.**

**And, Lord, help me live with my heart wide open.  
To live “As If” even though.  
In this Mad World You are my rock and my redeemer!**

✧ *You may wish to name with God how your soul is being revived; or you may share a time your hidden faults...or not so hidden!...kept you from being all you can be within God’s intention; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining healing light all around and through you.*



✧Our Assurance of God's Love With Us:

*"I'm Gonna' Keep My Heart Wide Open Till My Faith Brings Me Back To Solid Ground"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5LJ11HGuzo>

✧Bible Wisdom Teachings

**The Gospel of Thomas Saying #82**

Jesus said: "Whoever is near me is near the fire, and whoever is far from me is far from the realm."

**The Gospel of Thomas Saying #16**

Jesus said: "Perhaps people think that it is peace that I have come to cast upon the world. But they do not know that it is rebellion that I have come to cast upon the earth: fire, sword, war! For there will be five within a household: three against two, and two against three-father against son, and son against father, and they will stand alone."

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**John 2:13-22**

✧Prompting

*[Creating Possibility: Learning to Live "As If!"](#)*

*"The Rubble Is Worth The Trouble!"*

*Rev. Karen S. Hagen*



✧Special Music Video: "Who I'm Meant To Be"

<https://youtu.be/UVb80JEQGIQ>

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention...*Our Prayer* (Poem by John O'Donohue, adapted)

**May today there be peace within. May I trust God that I am exactly where I am meant to be. May I always remember the infinite possibilities that are born of doubt twinned with faith. May I use the gifts of love and life I have received,**

**and pass on the love that has been given to me. May I be confident knowing I am a Child of Humanity. Let this settle into my bones, and allow my soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love...to live “as if” along the Way!**

✧ **Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

✧ **Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community...**

*A special music video lifting up all you make possible in our greater community!*

✧ **Holy Communion** (*Litany By Kenneth Gottman from “Ministry and Mission,” adapted*).

✧ **Preparation of the Table...** please bring your version of “Bread and Wine” to this time.

✧ **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**Pastor:**

**The rhythm of life...*for a dweller of the Realm,*  
puts Chronos in service of Kairos,  
the cyclical in service of the directional,  
the calendar in service of the “Realm.”**

**All:**

**As I submit my anarchy to a rhythm...  
in a sort of earthy, mystical way...  
all of life lives lucidly, intentionally,  
and into the flow of the Divine...  
and living “As If” becomes like the air I breathe.**

**And so...**

**every washing becomes a baptism;  
every eating a communion.  
every sleeping becomes a dying;  
every rising a resurrection.**

**Every day in every way, I am the one I have been waiting for...  
In every moment, I create possibility!**

✧ **Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread**

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

*What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving?*

✧ **Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***

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