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# Welcome To Worship

May 8, 2022

9:30 a.m.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

Preparing to Worship...



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✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***  
***Surely God is in this place,***  
***Holy Ground!***

✧A Poem to Center Ourselves in this Moment

**My Mind is Full of Nature  
it's meant to be sipped on and treasured**

By Sarah L. Harvey, Photo by Wes Hicks



Neon green leaves pop and shimmer  
birds sing melodies  
that leave me breathless.  
yellow flowers spill secrets  
wrapped like braids in subtle fragrances  
that make bees buzz *wild*  
i have ached for this.

the air, no longer warms, *but hot*  
sun blazing, high in the sky  
the nectar of the earth  
effortlessly ambrosial.

time slows down in my fingertips  
and i make it happen – *something* –  
this thing  
of quieting inside  
down to my bones.  
every thought and muscle ceases  
usual activity.

frantic becomes a distant echo  
a ghosted memory  
a slipped concept.

**soon, all i hear are birdsongs  
all i see are buds and brightly hued leaves.**

**my mind is full of nature  
it leaves little space for worry  
and pointless chatter**

it's just the pure presence of this moment  
*struck down by the sweet simplicity*  
*oh, i am so here.*  
it's easy, it's hard  
it's real and lush  
it's meant to be sipped on  
and tenderly treasured.

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

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

✧ **Gathering Hymn: “What Is This Place” #404**

✧ **Gathering as God’s People:** Our Theme – Both/And

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God’s Grace**

By James Burklo

**L: May the peace of God surround you**

*R: Like the trees of the forest*

**L: May the peace of God warm you all over**

*R: Like the sun in the sky*

**L: May the peace of God swell and roll over you**

*R: Like a wave in the sea*

**L: May the peace of God fill you**

*R: Like the cool wind*

**L: May the peace of God be with you**

*R: And also with you.*



~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

✧ **And the Children Will Lead the Way: Kids’ Time**



## תְּהִלִּים כָּג

Psalm 23

מְזֻמֹּר לְדָוִד: יְהוָה רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר.

1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

With these words I am saying that God provides me with everything I need, but do I really trust that?

*Let there be some quiet*

ב בְּנֵאוֹת דֶּשָׁא, יַרְבִּיצֵנִי; עַל-מֵי מְנַחֹת  
יְנַהֲלֵנִי.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

If God is restoring my soul, why do I feel so tired, so exhausted, so "run thin," so overwhelmed?

*Let there be some quiet*

ג נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּב; יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי-צְדָקָה, לְמַעַן  
שְׁמוֹ.

3 He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

How do I recognize the right path? Would I be comfortable to have God along with me everywhere I go?

*Let there be some quiet*

ד גַּם כִּי-אֶלֶךְ בְּגִיא צַלְמוֹת, לֹא-אֶירָא רָע--  
כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי;  
שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתְּךָ הֵמָּה יִנְחֵמְנִי.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me.

Then why am I always looking elsewhere for comfort and protection? Why do I have so many fears?

*Let there be some quiet*

ה תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי, שְׁלַחוּ-- נֶגֶד צָרָרִי;  
דְּשַׁנֵּת בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּחָה.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

I wonder what my life would look like if I really did trust God. I wonder how I would treat others, including those I disagree with, if I really believed God to be beside me.

*Let there be some quiet*

ו אֵךְ, טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי-- כָּל-יְמֵי חַיִּי;  
וּשְׁבַתִּי בְּבַיִת-יְהוָה, לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Do I trust that God goes with me?  
Do I believe I have everything I need?

*Let there be some quiet*

#### ✧A Moment of Quiet for Each of Us

*We will be “stilled” together for 3 minutes or so! You have time...go deeper...*



#### ✧Bible Wisdom Teachings: John 10:22-30

#### ✧Reflection Questions

*What keeps me in suspense or blocks me from serving you, O God? How do I recognize your voice?*

#### ✧Bible Wisdom Teachings: Acts 9:36-43

#### ✧Reflection Questions

*What gifts would my friends share with Peter? Do I open my eyes when your healing love is extended?*

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: **Thanks be to our God.**

✧ **Message “We Can Be Heroes”**

Pastor Intern Sara Zallar



✧ **Special Music: *All Hail the Power of Jesus***, Josh Zallar on violin

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

*What of our time together today has been meaningful to you? What do you hear in our prayers, in the readings, in your heart?*

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention...Our Prayer**

**All: We are striving to be:  
Relevant and Responsive,  
Open and Affirming,  
Engaged and Engaging.  
Informal and Radically Traditional.  
Welcoming ALL.  
Honoring The Sacred Masculine and The Sacred Feminine  
Embracing The Mystic Within.  
We Are Of One Spirit... not necessarily of one mind.  
Mission bound. Educationally engaged.  
Children and Teens show us “the way”.  
Elders honored. Visitors Expected.  
Full of gratitude and seeking grace!**

## ✧ Installation of John Risberg

*The Session installs to active service those who have been previously ordained. In our gathered worship today, we have the happy occasion to install as officer, John Risberg, a Ruling Elder, calling him anew to serve on Session. This morning we are also mindful of the dedicated service of Becky Becker, Ruling Elder and Outgoing Officer, who served so faithfully on Session.*

## ✧ Congregational Scripture Reading

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

*One: There are varieties of gifts,  
But it is the same Spirit who gives them*

**All: There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*One: God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**

*One: Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.*

### Prayer

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.

In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past and have blessed us with signs of your grace. We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Office of Elder: John Risberg

## ✧ Constitutional Questions

*Please respond "I do" or "I will" as the congregation is invited.*

## ✧ Laying on of Hands



✧ **Statement of Ordination and Installation**

✧ **Charge and Presentation of Symbols of Ministry**

✧ **Hymn: “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” #744**

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

**Great divine spirit of love that is at the core of everything  
and from which all life flows,**

**We acknowledge your healing and transforming power.**

**May the spirit of unconditional love and forgiveness flow through  
each of us and enable the realm of love to spread throughout the  
world.**

**Like the flowers in the fields, ensure that we have the basics we need  
to live and give us the love and commitment to ensure that others  
have what they need too.**

**Give us the courage to acknowledge when we have done wrong,  
to seek forgiveness from those we have hurt  
and to forgive those who have hurt us,  
so that we may be reconciled.**

**We acknowledge the power of self-giving love to transform individual  
hearts and the world.**

**We recommit ourselves to the unconditional love of others and the  
work of justice and peace.**

**Amen.**

*by Roger Courtney from Progressive Christianity.org*



✧ **Benediction**

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

✧ **Our Response**

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

Postlude: Zo Trembley

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