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Welcome To Worship

June 26, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Week 5 of Ordinary Time



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Preparing to Worship...



✧ **Prelude: Betsy Gonwa**

✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

✧ **A Poem to Center Ourselves in this Moment-**

“**Noting Truth**” by Zo Trembley

It was once so –
perhaps still is –
That when an indigenous man
went wooing
He first made a flute.

Chose a fine, straight length of wood
(ash or maple branch)
Bored channel through core;
Drilled finger holes for changing
notes
dictated by hand's span --
not predetermined tones.
When he had done, he played a tune.

Music of his heart's devising;
created especially for her.
He hid among shadows, tall reeds.
When she came to water's edge,
he played from his soul
song never heard before.

Each time she came, she heard
his music
infused with love;
Knew it was for her.
Melody pierced her heart;
drew in
flute song, flute maker.

What if . . .

You are love-crafted flute,
your maker having taken your
measure,
endows you with song.

Music will be good enough
when your breath fills
its phrases with love –
only measurement
worth marking.

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

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

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



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

✧ **Gathering as God's People:** Responsive Reading *from* Galatians 5:1, 13-25

One: Freedom is what we have –

All: Christ has set us free!

One: Stand then, as free people. Do not allow yourselves to become slaves.

All: Let love make us serve one another.

One: The whole law is summed up in one commandment:

All: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself"

One: The Spirit produces . . . Love, joy, peace,

All: Love, joy, peace,

One: Patience, kindness, goodness,

All: Patience, kindness, goodness,

One: Faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

All: Faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

One: The Spirit has given us life;

All: The Spirit must also control our lives.

✧ **Gathering Hymn** "I've Got Peace like a River," No. 623

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace. . . and Claiming God's Gifts**

Gracious God, we thank for the Spirit's presence in our midst and in our lives. We particularly thank you for our gifts of . . .

(Let each person name their particular gift.)

We pray that during this worship time we might discover new ways to minister through our gifts of . . .

(Let each person name their particular gift.)

So that our congregation might be enlivened by your gifts of. . .

(Let each person name their particular gift.)

And the world transformed by your gifts of . . .

(Let each person name their particular gift.)

Amen.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Let us enter into a few minutes of quiet. The Spirit's presence within us and among us ministers to all of us in sighs too deep for words. Let us listen for the Spirit's message for us today.



✧ **Questions for Reflection**

Who has been a spiritual mentor for you? How does your mentor's power live on in you and show up in your life?

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

from the Hebrew Scriptures – 2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14

✧ **Hymn: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," No. 825**

✧ **Questions for Reflection**

What is your favorite excuse? How do reasons and excuses differ?

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

from the Gospel according to Luke 9:51-65

✧Message

“But First ...”

Rev. Zo Trembley

One: May the words of my mouth,

**All: And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

✧Time for Personal Reflection

✧Sharing Our Wisdom



✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention - *from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are our God.**

**You, O God are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

**You are with us now.
You are our God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

✧ **Time for Personal Reflection**

✧ **Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer**

**Our Parent, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your realm come;
Your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the realm, and the power,
 and the glory for forever. Amen.**



✧ **Benediction**

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

Postlude: Betsy Gonwa

