



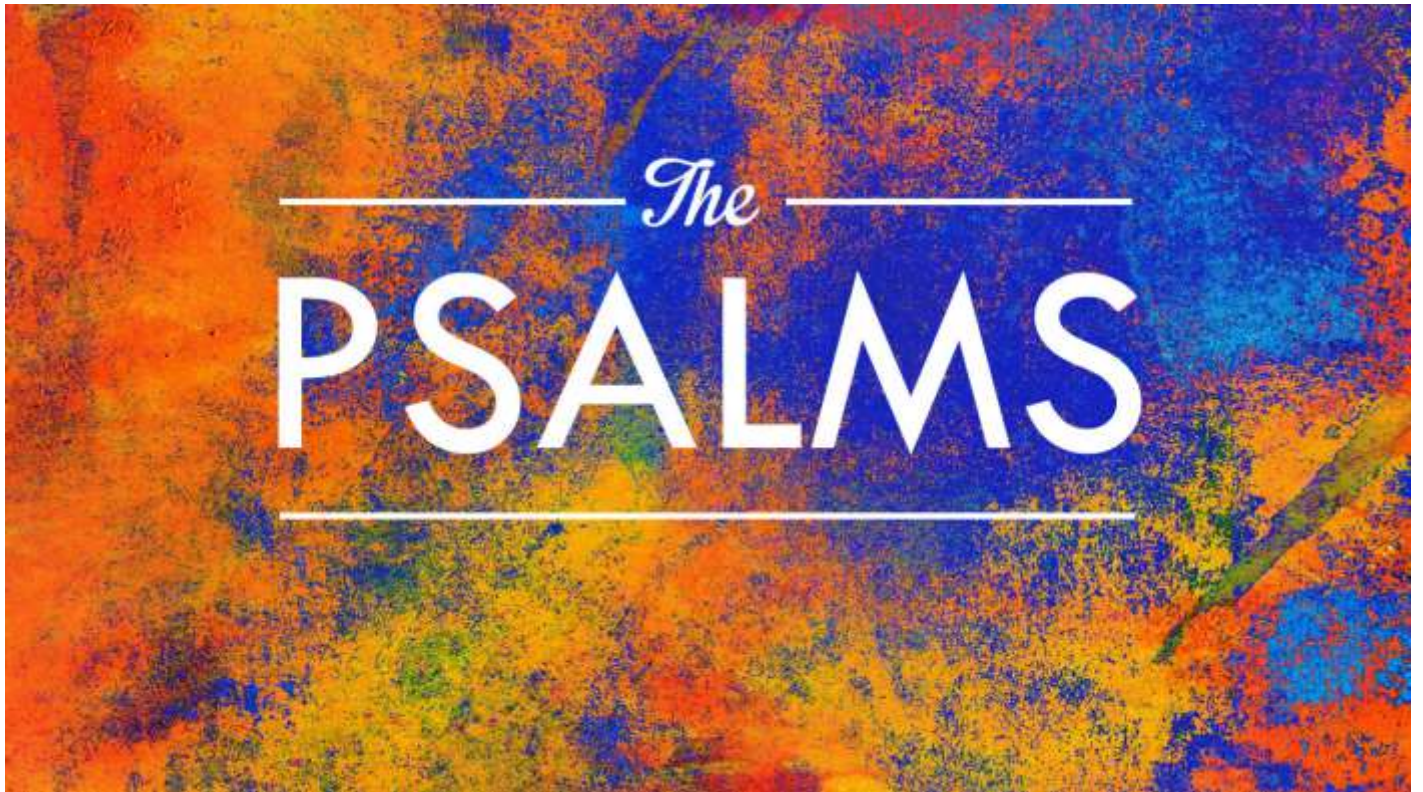
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Welcome To Worship

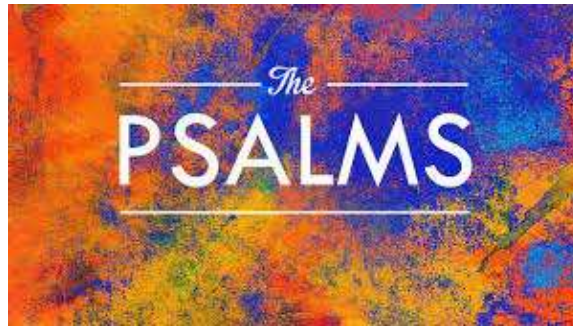
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Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Preparing to Worship...



“Living Lamentation”

✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ **A Poem to Center Ourselves in this Moment:** *Everything is Waiting for You*
By David Whyte (from his book, “River Flow: New & Selected Poems”)

Your great mistake is to act the drama
as if you were alone. As if life
were a progressive and cunning crime
with no witness to the tiny hidden
transgressions. To feel abandoned is to deny
the intimacy of your surroundings.
Surely,
even you, at times, have felt the grand
array;
the swelling presence, and the chorus,
crowding
out your solo voice. You must note
the way the soap dish enables you,
or the window latch grants you freedom.
Alertness is the hidden discipline of
familiarity.

The stairs are your mentor of things
to come, the doors have always been
there
to frighten you and invite you,
and the tiny speaker in the phone
is your dream-ladder to divinity.

Put down the weight of your aloneness
and ease into the
conversation. The kettle is singing
even as it pours you a drink, the cooking
pots
have left their arrogant aloofness and
seen the good in you at last. All the birds
and creatures of the world are
unutterably
themselves. Everything is waiting for
you.



✧ **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: Our Theme – Psalms as Living Prayers

In the coming weeks as we move through the summer season together, I invite us to explore the practice of prayer through the lens of the Psalms. These are songs, poems, living prayers. I especially appreciate the phrase, "living prayers," as it can be interpreted a number of ways and opens us to ask, how are we living prayerfully and how are our prayers vital and life-giving? How are our prayers alive? How do our prayer practices transform us? How do our prayers acknowledge the joys, struggles, and challenges that show up in our lives? What does it look like to live a prayer?



✧Gathering Hymn 472 Kum ba Yah

✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

One: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

**All: Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**



One: O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

**All: For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Eternal God, at times we are like strangers on this earth, taken aback by all the violence, the harsh oppositions. Like a gentle breeze, you breathe upon us the Spirit of peace. Transfigure the deserts of our doubts, and so prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you place us, until the day when a hope of peace dawns in our world. Amen.

Let us enter into a few minutes of quiet. Our gathered community enables us to become even more aware of the Divine presence. Enter the sacred awareness of God's accompaniment as you seek understanding and connection.



✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Special Music: 467 Give Us Light**

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

Psalm 74

Plea for Help in Time of National Humiliation
A Maskil of Asaph.

- 1 O God, why do you cast us off for ever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago,
which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage.
Remember Mount Zion, where you came to dwell.
- 3 Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary.

- 4 Your foes have roared within your holy place;
they set up their emblems there.
- 5 At the upper entrance they hacked
the wooden trellis with axes.
- 6 And then, with hatchets and hammers,
they smashed all its carved work.
- 7 They set your sanctuary on fire;
they desecrated the dwelling-place of your name,
bringing it to the ground.
- 8 They said to themselves, 'We will utterly subdue them';
they burned all the meeting-places of God in the land.
- 9 We do not see our emblems;
there is no longer any prophet,
and there is no one among us who knows how long.
- 10 How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?
Is the enemy to revile your name for ever?
- 11 Why do you hold back your hand;
why do you keep your hand in your bosom?
- 12 Yet God my King is from of old,
working salvation in the earth.
- 13 You divided the sea by your might;
you broke the heads of the dragons in the waters.
- 14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan;
you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.
- 15 You cut openings for springs and torrents;
you dried up ever-flowing streams.
- 16 Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you established the luminaries and the sun.
- 17 You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs,
and an impious people reviles your name.
- 19 Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild animals;
do not forget the life of your poor for ever.
- 20 Have regard for your covenant,
for the dark places of the land are full of the haunts of violence.
- 21 Do not let the downtrodden be put to shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.
- 22 Rise up, O God, plead your cause;
remember how the impious scoff at you all day long.
- 23 Do not forget the clamour of your foes,
the uproar of your adversaries that goes up continually.

✧ Reflection Questions

What are you lamenting in your life right now? What are you lamenting for others?
How might lamentation birth healing and transformation?

✧ **Message “Living Lamentation”** Rev. Trish Eckert



Mourners, Pran Nath Mago, 1947, (National Book Trust, India)

✧ **Hymn: 470 There is a Longing in Our Hearts**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

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

We trust in God, who has created and is creating—
from water and wind to painters and poets,
giving a home to all the families of the earth,
blessing the world through faithful people.

We trust in Jesus, Word made flesh—
who healed, touched, taught, and ate,
drawing outsiders, women, sinners, and friends into God’s new community of love.
Even in death, his arms stretched wide, encircling all.
And on the third day he rose, reconciling the whole world to God.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, breath of life—
present in every place and time, offering love and compassion,
calling forth faithfulness, generosity, and justice.

Living among us, beside us, and within us, the Triune God provides
in the everyday, and the exceptional;
the cosmic, and the ordinary.

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✧A Moment of Quiet for Everyone



✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer

God, build us into *your* house, a house of living stones built on the rock. Enable us to live as *your* exiles, resident aliens in a foreign land. All of us belonging to you. No one missing. No one forgotten. Knowing you have your eye on us. Knowing that you are good. In but not of our culture and our times. Ready to call out all that does not serve you and your kin-dom of love.

Even as we are sad and tired and ready to quit, birth new life within us. Show us your future. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, even as we live lives of challenge and frustration. Use such times to make our faith more genuine, our love more pure.

Show us where we can take meaningful action, rolling up our sleeves and getting our head in the game. Embolden us to act in the love and mercy you give. Keep us from lassitude, from hopelessness, from cynicism. Shape our lives by your life. Energize us that we may blaze with the holiness that comes from being your children.

We call to you for help. We call on you to guide us and to hold us responsible. We call on you to take over as the first-and-foremost loyalty in our lives, the one that engenders, informs, inspirits—who makes possible—acting as people of God in a foreign land.

Empower us to follow the truth. Enable us to love one another with your love. Make our hearts and our houses clean, free of envy and hatred, of pretending and using words to hurt. Feed us on your Word, your love, your life, your Spirit. Build us into your house, your temple, your people, that those who see us may see you. Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Indwelling God,
infused throughout all existence,
we honor you with many names.**

**Your realm is within the human heart.
We accept life for all that it can be,
on earth as throughout all creation.**

**May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.**

**May we ever move from separation toward union,
to live in grace, with love in our hearts,
forever and ever. Amen.**



✧Benediction

We leave this gathered community,
But we don't leave our connection.
Our service to each other, to the world, and to our faith continues.
Until we are together again, friends,
Be strong, be well, be true, be loving. Amen.

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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