



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

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Welcome To Worship

August 7, 2022

9:30 a.m.



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Preparing to Worship...

✧ **Prelude: Maynard Bell, Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

Interfaith Picnic on Sunday, September 11th from 1-5 pm at Humboldt Park

✧ **About Today's Theme:**

Last week Zo spoke about the Poetic Power of Psalms and the difference between prose and poetry as the distinction between intellect and intuition. Images from poetry, nature and religious experience often emerge spontaneously from the deepest places of our spirits. Continuing to explore Psalm 8, "DAVID" places us in the world between angels and "all things under [our] feet." And, we'll continue to explore our creativity as beings who are made in the image of the Creator.

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

✧ **PSALM 65:8**

...so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

✧ **Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" #98 in Worship and Praise**

✧ **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**

Water the amazing contradiction!

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

One: In the Islamic faith, the entire planet is a masjid, a place of prayer. In the Holy Qur'an, there is a clear call for action: to protect the environment, to work against climate change, to respect and protect the life-sustaining balance and our responsibility for all forms of human wrongdoings.

All: Salaam!

One: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them... made in your image and likeness, made a little less than angels.' Our work – as beings in God's image --

begins with faithfully managing, developing and caring for your creation, and knowing that this purpose includes physical work.

All: Praise Yahweh!

One: Moved by compassion, justice, and love, we need to step out in courage to live the healing, empowering change. To become compassionate toward our brothers and sisters, we need to work together. The climate crisis threatens us all.

All: Praise be to God!

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

One: When we “exercise dominion” over the earth we are fulfilling our basic purpose. Created in God’s image – Man and Woman – we are responsible to God and we are “expected to manage and develop and care for creation, a task that includes actual physical work.” (Ian Hart from *Theology of Work Project Biblical Studies*, Editor Sean McDonough)

All: Our work in God’s image begins with faithfully representing God.

One: You brought order from chaos at the creation. We feel the forces of chaos swirling all around, within, and through us. We ask you to re-order our lives, our nation, and our world so that we, and everyone, and every living thing can fulfill your intention for us. Help us to risk believing that just as creation came into being by your word, you can bring us into new being in your new creation through Christ Jesus.

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✧ **Time of Silent Reflection**



✧ **Wisdom Teaching: Job 12:7-13, 16, 22**

“Nature is a revelation of God; Art is a revelation of man.”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

✧ **Song: WATER CHANT (from Global Water Dance)**

✧ **Circles of Water: Acrostic word play**

In an acrostic poem, each line begins with successive letters of a word or phrase that reflects the focus of the poem. Coming together in a circle of people focuses our insights on what really matters – for everyone.

This circle process is inspired by:

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✧ **Message**

“...how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

(Psalm 8:2 and Greenfaith) Betty Salamun

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,

All: Oh Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**



✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention**

One: We are striving to be...

I: relevant

II: and responsive,

I: open

II: and affirming,

I: engaged

II: and engaging,

I: informal

II: and radically traditional.

One: Welcoming all.

I: Honoring the sacred masculine

II: and the sacred feminine,

I: Embracing the mystic within,

II: We are of one spirit....

One: not necessarily of one mind.

I: Mission bound.

II: Educationally engaged.

I: Children and teens show us “The Way”.

II: Elders honored.

I: Visitors expected.

All: Full of gratitude and seeking grace!

✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer



✧The Lord's Prayer

I pray

Great Spirit, I offer this tobacco
Mother Earth, I offer this tobacco
Grandmother Moon, I offer this tobacco
Grandfather Sun, I offer this tobacco

I thank you

I offer this tobacco to the four directions
to the east
to the south
to the west
to the north

I thank you for all my relations:
the winged nation
creeping and crawling nation
the four-legged nation
the green and growing nation
and all things living in the water

Honoring the clans:

the deer
the bear
the wolf
the turtle
the snipe

Great Spirit, I offer this tobacco

✧Sung Benediction: #467 Give Us Light Give Us

Give Us...

Grant Us...

Show Us...

One: 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: Maynard Bell, Zo Trembley