



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

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Welcome To Worship

October 9, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Written on our Hearts: A New Covenant" Rev. Trish Eckert



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

✧Prelude: Zo Trembley

✧Welcome and community news

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship ~ SING:

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

The Journey

Above the mountains
the geese turn into
the light again

Painting their
black silhouettes
on an open sky.

Sometimes everything
has to be
inscribed across
the heavens

so you can find
the one line
already written
inside you.

Sometimes it takes
a great sky
to find that

first, bright
and indescribable
wedge of freedom
in your own heart.

Sometimes with
the bones of the black
sticks left when the fire
has gone out

someone has written
something new
in the ashes of your life.

You are not leaving.
Even as the light fades quickly now,
you are arriving.

- David Whyte

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

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

✧ **Kid's Time**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme**



In this season as we take stock and consider where we have been and where we feel led to go, we are reflecting on the gifts within us and around us.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have explored individual spiritual gifts as well as the needs and the gifts woven through our connections to the wider world – World Communion Sunday gave us the opportunity to pray for other countries, other communities – those different from ourselves – and consider where we fit in the larger picture. We are invited to consider: How might our gifts support and strengthen our community? How are we supported and strengthened by others? When have we come to recognize a spiritual gift and how/when did we use it?

An important aspect of using our spiritual gifts is honing the ability to notice/recognize/hear/witness our spiritual gifts. Central to that ability is our self-awareness alongside the nature of our connection with the Divine/to the sacred. So this week, I want to look at a handful of texts that speak to what is inscribed within us – what is woven into who we are – the Divine spark that nudges us to put our gifts to use in a hurting world.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 692 *Spirit Open my Heart*** (red hymnal)

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

ALL: Loving God, through Your grace, open our hearts to receive Your love. Reveal to us what is not healed within us. Help us see the obstacles we create and the ways we deflect Your love. Restore us, steady us, and empower us to bring Your healing love to others. Amen

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Reveal yourself to us, Holy Spirit.
Bring us pause, invite us to ponder, draw us in.
For we know that we do not see,
We do not hear, we cannot understand
The beauty of God's reign
And design for our lives
Except when it is revealed through the Spirit.
So if we are to imagine a world of peace,
Free of oppression and grief, we must
Start by praying, "Holy Spirit, Come!"
Breathe into our midst – in us, with us,
And through us – and lead us
Into the ways of everlasting.
This is our fervent prayer. Amen

✧ **Special Music** *Lord Take my Life* (Howard Hagashi) ~ Rosie Rain & Gary Scheffel

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Jeremiah 31:31-33**

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband!” declares the LORD. “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

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: *Written on Our Hearts: A New Covenant***



✧ Reflection Questions

- ◇ Do I sense the Law (blueprint) written within me?
- ◇ And if not, what do I do to open myself to the Spirit?
- ◇ How do I move toward the underlying truth within me?
- ◇ In what ways does that truth, reveal to me my spiritual gifts?



✧ Silent Reflection

✧ Sharing Our Wisdom

✧ Hymn *Love* - a poem by Rumi, music by Rosie Rain

Rosie is teaching us this song and we'll sing it each over the coming weeks

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*Love came and became
Like blood in my body,
It rushed through my veins
And encircled my heart.
Everywhere I looked I saw one thing,
Love's name written on my limbs,
On my left palm
On my forehead
On the back of my neck,
On my right big toe
Oh my friend, all that you see of me
Is just a shell
And the rest belongs to LOVE*

✧ Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

God, heart of the world: revealed through every aspect of creation: understood through our awareness. May we honor the holiness of creation and act accordingly so that your love is reflected in the way we live. May we always be thankful for the food we eat and the friends we have. May we forgive those who transgress against us and be forgiven for our own. In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat and not be compromised by hesitation. Through our freedom, may your justice be seen and heard and experienced forever and ever. Amen.

✧Benediction

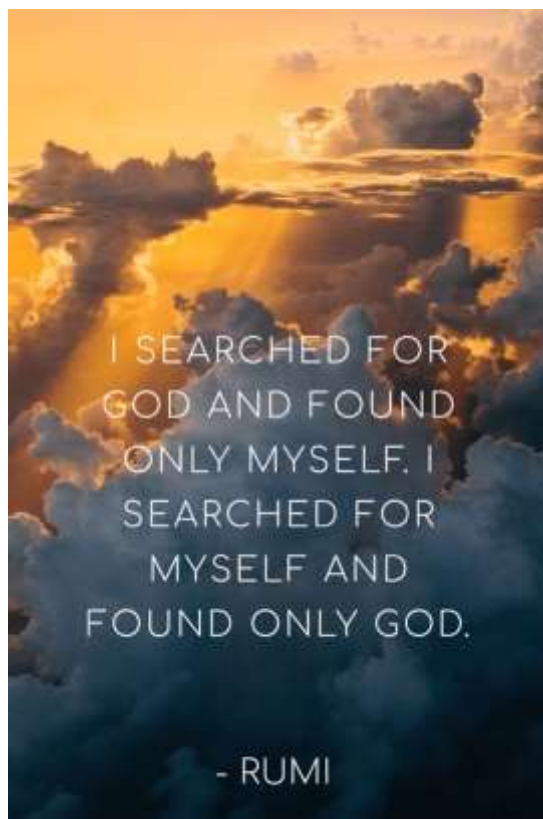
Let us depart with renewed hearts
Sharing joy, love, and grace with everyone we encounter
Witnessing to that of God in every person. Amen

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



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