



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



May 16, 2021

“How Are We Grounded In Divine Mystery?”

We Gather in Love

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.

Ringing of the Bell

Signifies the beginning of the service

Prelude

“As Long as I Live”

Nelson/Hernandez

Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

***Gathering Prayer**

Great and loving God, we who come to worship are also persons who sometimes feel that you have abandoned us or left us to fend for ourselves. Although we rely upon your every-presence, we suspect your absence. Encourage us, O God, when we doubt your promise to be with us always. In our worship, grant us the gifts of discernment and hope. Enable us to recognize your workings in the commonplace and the everyday. Open us to faith and help us to perceive not only what is, but also what, by your grace, might be. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling”

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A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her.

Blessing One Another

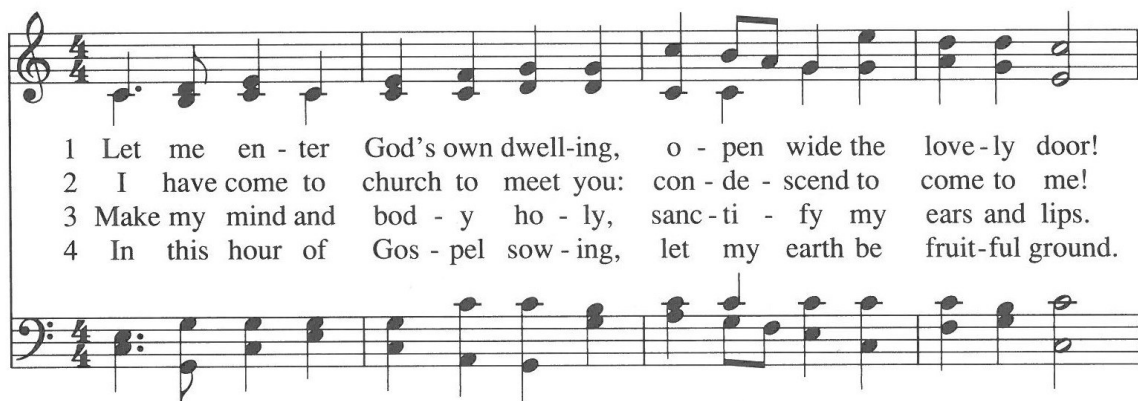
Children: God be with you

All: And also with you

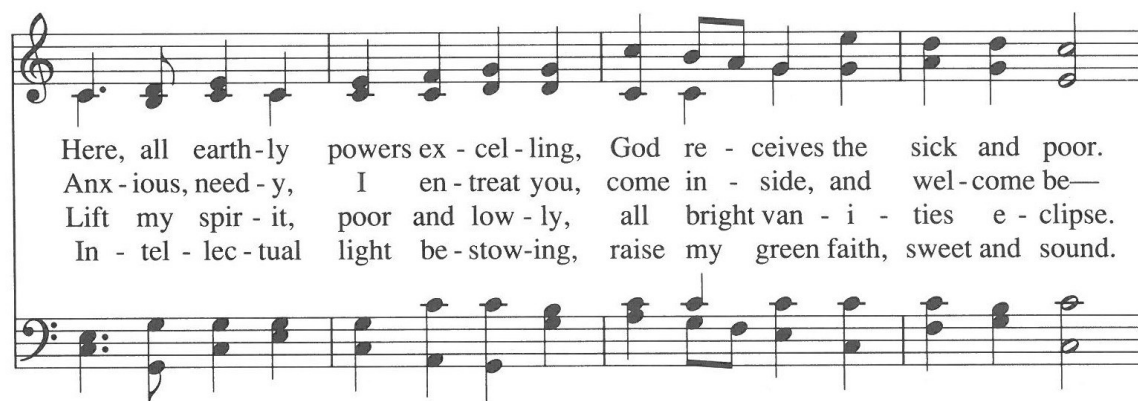
Children may either go with adult leaders to Children's Activity or remain with their adult family members in worship.

**Sitting or standing*

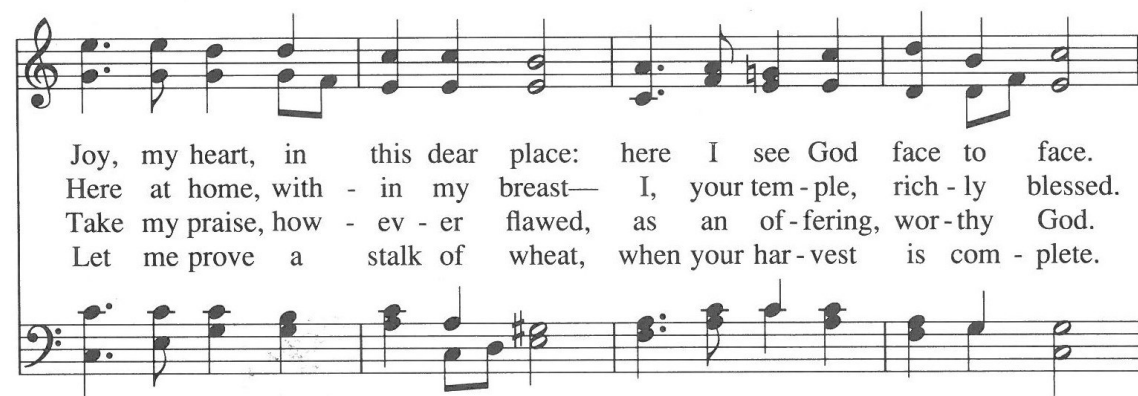
Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling



1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

We Acknowledge Our Humanness and God's Grace

Prayer of Longing

Pastor: God of heights, lift us up:

All: We are crawling in the mire of everyday routine.

Pastor: God of the heavens, lift us up:

All: We are overwhelmed with the attention required by the things of this world.

Pastor: God of the stars, lift us up:

All: We cannot see past the clouds of "truth" that some would have us believe.

Pastor: God of the sun, lift us up:

All: We are dazzled by the false jewels of society.

Pastor: God of the moon, lift us up:

All: We are taxed by others' demands for us to shine for them.

Pastor: God of the universe, lift us up:

All: We want to stretch and breathe and see and be awe-struck. God of heights, lift us up. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Special Music

"Like a Tree By the River"

by Mary Dorn Lippert

Pastor Clare Gromoll, Vocals

We Proclaim God's Love

Scriptures

Ephesians 1:15-19, Psalm 1, Acts 1:3-11

Kathy Iverson

NRSV

Morning Message

"How Are We Grounded in Divine Mystery?"

Prayer Hymn

"Like a Tree Beside the Waters"

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1 Like a tree be-side the wa-ters, nur-tured by your lov - ing care,
 2 Like a tree be-side the riv - er, draw-ing life from ho - ly streams,
 3 We, be - side the liv-ing wa-ters, drink from your e - ter - nal life.

We, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en - dur-ing wit - ness bear.
 Fill us with your love for - ev - er; re - cre - ate our hopes and dreams.
 Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris - es o - ver strife.

In each pass - ing gen - er - a - tion may your voice of love be heard.
 Through the storms of life sus-tain us by the wis-dom of your grace.
 O Liv - ing God, most glo-rious, strength-en us for life to - day.

Bless, we pray, this con-gre - ga - tion with your ho - ly, liv - ing Word.
 May the chang-ing of the sea-sons find us in your warm em - brace.
 By the hope of time-less prom-ise guide your church up - on the Way.

*Sitting or standing

We Respond To God's Love

Prayers of the People

*You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world.
Raise your hand or stand and project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible.*

Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, "God, in your love..."

One: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

by Parker Palmer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.**

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days —

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One. AMEN

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Alleluia"

Sinclair

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Sitting or standing*

***Prayer of Dedication**

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

We Go Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn**

"Spirit of Love"

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***Singing**

"Happy Birthday"

***Benediction**

***Sung Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

***Postlude**

"God Be With You"

Dorsey

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- For Emily Wulff celebrating her hard work and success in her MBA program.
- Sharon Neuenfeldt, her brother Greg, and their entire family as they face Greg's diagnosis of multiple myeloma, unexplainable disintegration of his bones, and immense ongoing pain.
- Jere Fetter as he heals from a pulled muscle causing pain in his leg.
- Erika Binger (daughter to Mary Binger) as she recovers from a difficult episode in her chronic mysterious pain.
- In the wake of the guilty verdict in the murder of George Floyd, as communities demand accountability for the killing of Daunte Wright, and as elected leaders consider legislative reform of policing... may we each actively participate in building an antiracist society.
- We celebrated the birthday of John Norheim's birthday on Monday and look forward to celebrating a 17th wedding anniversary with Kimberly and Jon on Monday the 17th.

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Pastor Clare, Sharon Neuenfeldt (beautiful music), Kathy Iverson (lay reading), Claire Spilseth, Sue Favilla, and Carol Dusbabek (Children's activity) and Mike Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Paul Spilseth, Mark Stephan, and Kimberly Jackson (tech team).




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