



"INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE"



Welcome to the table!

EXPLORING ANTIRACISM

July 18, 2021

"Exploring Antiracism: Welcome to the Table!"
People's Antiracism Collective

Gathering in Love

Gathering Music	"The Lord is My Shepherd"	<i>arr. Howard Goodall</i> Eric Vandre, guitar
Ringing of the Bell	<i>Signifies the beginning of the service</i>	
Words of Welcome		Mary Maren Bjork
***Call to Worship		

If the human body - a body of blood and muscle - is to live, it needs salt.
If the body of Christ - a body of peace and justice - is to live, it needs us!
If the Earthly creation - bustling and blooming - is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!
Jesus says we are salt of the Earth, light of the world.
Our faith, our love, our hope are essential as salt and light.
But if salt isn't salty? It isn't what it's meant to be.
And if a light doesn't shine? It isn't what it's meant to be.
Jesus says we are salt of the Earth, light of the world.
Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.
We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

***Opening Song	"You Are Welcome Here"	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise #26</i>
	<i>(see next page)</i>	Keely Vandre, vocals Eric Vandre, vocals

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God's Grace

*****Prayer of Longing**

God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation within comfortable places and the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

=100
 G D G A D G/D D G A
 You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A
 no mat-ter where you are.. on life's jour - ney.. You are

D G/D D G A G A
 wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are., come and

D G D G/D A D 1.2.3.
 join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of_ Christ.

A G/D D A D G/D D

1. Come now all peo - ple, join in the song, come be a part of the fam -
 2. We pray for jus - tice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Sav -
 3. Lift - ing each oth - er; do-ing what's right; stand-ing to-geth- er, what-ev -

G/D A A G/D D A D

- ly of God. We are God's peo - ple_ and you be - long,
 - ior of all._ We find God's mer - cy;_ we find re - lease,
 - er may come; prais-ing our Sav - ior,_ shin-ing our light,

G/D A |4.
 share in the joy_ of_ Christ._ You are _
 shar-ing the joy_ of_ Christ._ You are _
 shar-ing the joy_ of_ Christ._ You are _

***Sitting or standing

***Sung Response

“Be Still and Know” (sing three times in English)

Sing! Prayer and Praise #111

Be still and know that I am God.
Cal - ma tu ser, que soy tú Dios.

know that I am God.
ser, que soy tú Dios.

that I am God.
que soy tú Dios.

know that I am God.
ser, que soy tú Dios.

***Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace

Mary Maren: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming God’s Love

A Time with Young People

Lori Mildon

We invite children forward to gather with Lori

Blessing One Another

Children: God be with you All: And also with you

Children return to their families to either remain in worship or play on playground

Scriptures

Psalm 23 & Ephesians 2: 14-22 ~ NRSV

Kathy Iverson

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures;
and leads me beside still waters;
and restores my soul.

**The Lord leads me in right paths
for God's name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,**
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Morning Message “Exploring Antiracism: Welcome to the Table!”

Jenni Shaller

Between June 2021-June 2022, Our Antiracism Collective will engage our members and friends as we embark on a year of congregational examination, exploration and education on antiracist attitudes and behaviors that could lead to transforming our church identity.

Special Music

“Room at the Table”

~ written and performed by Carrie Newcomer

Responding To God's Love

Prayers of the People

Mary Maren Bjork

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. Mary will follow your prayer with the words, “God, in your love...”

Mary Maren: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 Response

“Praise God”

by John Mueller

musicians sing through once, then all sing together

Praise, God, for these gifts;
we lift them up for heaven's blessing.
Praise God, for these gifts;
we lift them up to serve you, Lord.

*****Prayer of Dedication**

God of all, we bring these offerings because of the love you have poured out on us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Your gift calls for a response that cannot be contained in envelopes or baskets. Nothing less than all we have and all we are is good enough to dedicate to your will and purposes. With awe and trembling; yet with joy, relief and gratitude; we bring you our whole selves. Use us to realize your love, justice and peace among all people. Amen

*****Sitting or standing**

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

..Happy birthday dear Tom and Cheri

*****Benediction**

*****Closing Song**

“Deep Peace”

Sing! Prayer and Praise #201

Vs. 1 & 2

L. = 44

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with G major (G, D, Em, Bm, C) and ends with G/B. The second staff starts with E major (Bm⁷, Cmaj⁷, Gmaj⁷, Cmaj⁷) and ends with D major. The third staff starts with Em major (Em, Bm⁷, Cmaj⁷) and ends with G major. The fourth staff starts with B¹¹ major (B¹¹, B, B⁷, Em) and ends with D major. The fifth staff starts with B major (B, C, Am⁷, Bm/D, D⁷) and ends with G major.

1. Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you._____
 2. Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you._____
 3. Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you._____

Peace, peace, deep peace, my peace I give to you._____
 Love, love, strong love, my love I give to you._____
 Joy, joy, great joy, my joy I give to you._____

Not as the world gives, I give to you, not as the
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world gives, I give to you. Peace, peace, deep
 world gives, I give to you. Love, love, strong
 world gives, I give to you. Joy, joy, great

peace, my peace I give to you._____
 love, my love I give to you._____
 joy, my joy I give to you._____

*****Irish Blessing** *musicians sing through once, then all sing together*

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
Till we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand**

*****Postlude** "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free"

~written by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas, performed by Nina Simone

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- Andi Favilla's father Tom Ford in Michigan, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery and looks ahead to replacement of the other knee and a hip.
- For the community of Surfside, Florida. May those who have died rest in peace. May those grieving and those still seeking information about missing persons draw strength from those who love them.
- For our global and local neighbors: for the COVID vaccine to reach everyone, for people living in poverty experience relief from intense suffering, for a just peace in the Gaza Strip, and for all who live without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- Accountability for killings of black and brown people, for legislative police reform, and for all of us to work to build an antiracist society.
- We celebrated birthdays with Tom Dusbabek and Cheri Schwartz on the 11th!

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Keely & Eric Vandre (beautiful music), Kathy Iverson (lay reading), Mary Maren Bjork, Lori Mildon & Jenni Shaller (People's Antiracism Collective) and Kimberly Jackson (Tech)



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