



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



July 25, 2021

“Experiencing Scarcity, Abundance, Enough”

Sharri Kinkead & Mindy Peters

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take the thoughts I hide deep inside and burn them with your
purifying fire.**

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take the roots of my mistrust and deaden their hold on my life.**

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take the thoughts that run freely in my mind and trap them in your
grace.**

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take the hope you have planted in me and nourish it with the support
of the church.**

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take the gift of the Spirit living in me and ignite your love to lead me
to your service.**

**Love me from the inside out, God.
Take your love in me and let it infuse my living.**

Love me from the inside out, God. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

*****Prayer Hymn** **“Spirit of the Living God”**
(sung one time)

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

Mindy Peters: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming God’s Love

LECTIO DIVINA

- Listen with the Ear (let it wash over you, become comfortable hearing the words)*
- Listen with the Mind (let your brain reach out and grasp onto one word or image)*
- Listen with the Heart (what emotion does hearing the text cause you to feel?)*
- Listen with the Soul (what is God saying specifically to you through this text today?)*

Scripture

Psalm 145: 10-18~ NRSV

Sharri Kinkead

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all words,
and gracious in all deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all ways,
and kind in all doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord,
to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*****Prayer Hymn**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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(sung one time)

Scripture

John 6: 1-21~ *NRSV*

Mindy Peters

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*****Prayer Hymn**

"Spirit of the Living God"
(sung one time)

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Responding 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. Sharri will follow your prayer with the words, "God, in your love..."

Sharri Kinkead: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“To Be Like Jesus”

Tunney

***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

***Prayer of Dedication

Mindy Peters

God of All, we have given our money as a tangible expression of what is in our hearts. In your hands, both money and hearts are made more alive. We offer them as our “loaves and fish,” to be multiplied and shared in a world starving for your fierce grace. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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***Benediction

***Sitting or standing

*****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**

“Praise the Name of Jesus”

Hicks

People's Antiracism Collective News ~ formally PCC Antiracism Task Force

Thank you to everyone who participated with such enthusiasm in Sunday's "Exploring Antiracism" worship service.

The pledge forms will be available at this coming Sunday's service and at upcoming monthly activities, and we hope that many more People's people will sign up to join the Collective. But whether you sign or not, you are fully welcome to be fully part of all of our activities throughout the year.

Thank you again - we're underway!
Mary Bjork, Lori Mildon, Jenni Shaller
Antiracism Collective coordinators



PRAYER CORNER


Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- 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.

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